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SOVIET DUPLICITY TO THE END

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Moscow, To-day. It is reliably learned that a few hours before the Soviet military operations started, the Finnish Minister called on Foreign Vice-Commissar Potemkin and asked when the Soviets, following their denunciation of diplomatic relations, wanted the Finnish representatives to leave Moscow.

Potemkin answered that Moscow did not consider that the move was urgent and said it was preferable for them to await final instructions from the Finnish Government.—Havas.

U.S. MAY BREAK OFF RELATIONS

Washington, To-day.

Sharp and immediate deterioration of relations between the United States and the U.S.S.R. is considered in political quarters to be the certain outcome of the Soviet invasion of Finland.

Official quarters confirm that the State Department is engaged in studying the action open to the United States to express her disapproval, and there is talk of

- (1) the immediate recall of Mr. Steinhardt, the American Ambassador in Moscow;
- (2) cancellation of the trade agreement between the U.S.A. and U.S.S.R.
- (3) severance of diplomatic relations.

It is also reported that as the result of a conference between Mr. Cordell Hull and the President, one of them will, in a public speech in the next few hours, invite world attention

LONDON, TO-DAY. IN LESS THAN 24 HOURS FROM THE FIRST ONSLAUGHT OF THE GIGANTIC MILITARY MACHINE OF RED RUSSIA AGAINST HER INOFFENSIVE NEIGHBOUR, FINLAND, THE CAJANDER GOVERNMENT, AFTER A MEETING IN THE BURNING CAPITAL, HAS CAPITULATED AND FINLAND IS SUING FOR AN ARMISTICE, ACCORDING TO UNCONFIRMED REPORTS REACHING LONDON.

It is now revealed that Viborg was bombed almost as savagely as Helsinki itself, and it is suggested that the horrors of the air bombardments turned the scale when a Moscow ultimatum threatened devastation of the country if further resistance were offered.

No authoritative basis for the reports of capitulation exists however, and there is conflict with reports which announce that the Finnish Parliament which gave a vote of confidence to the Cajander Government, was still in secret session in the early hours of morning.

It is still believed in some quarters that the Soviet objectives are limited and that they will cease hostile activity as soon as they have occupied the zones demanded from Finland.

Last reports from the border indicated that the Soviet troops were held completely in check on the Karelian Isthmus, and that their losses were severe.

An artillery duel of great intensity is reported from Kivep, near the frontier. The famous Soviet fort at Kronstadt, guarding the sea approach to Leningrad, has been heavily shelled the Karelian coast in the neighbourhood of Terijoki.—Havas.

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OSLO STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Oslo, To-day.

Pro-Finnish demonstrations are taking place, students assembling before the Finnish Legation and singing the Finnish anthem.—Havas.

to the assurance given by the Soviets to the United States three weeks ago that they intended to respect the independence of Finland.—Reuter.

BRITISH WATCH ON BLACK SEA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Political circles in London contemplate the possibility of Soviet action in the Balkans after completing the aggression against Finland.

Reliable reports point out that the Soviets are possibly ensuring their safety in the Baltic prior to an attempt to extend in the Black Sea at Rumania's expense.

It is felt also that it is possible the Soviets may threaten Turkey in the Caucasus.

Developments in the Black Sea region could not leave the signatories of the Anglo-Turko-Franco pact indifferent.

It is stressed that Anglo-Turkish conversations are taking place in London to strengthen the alliance.—Havas.

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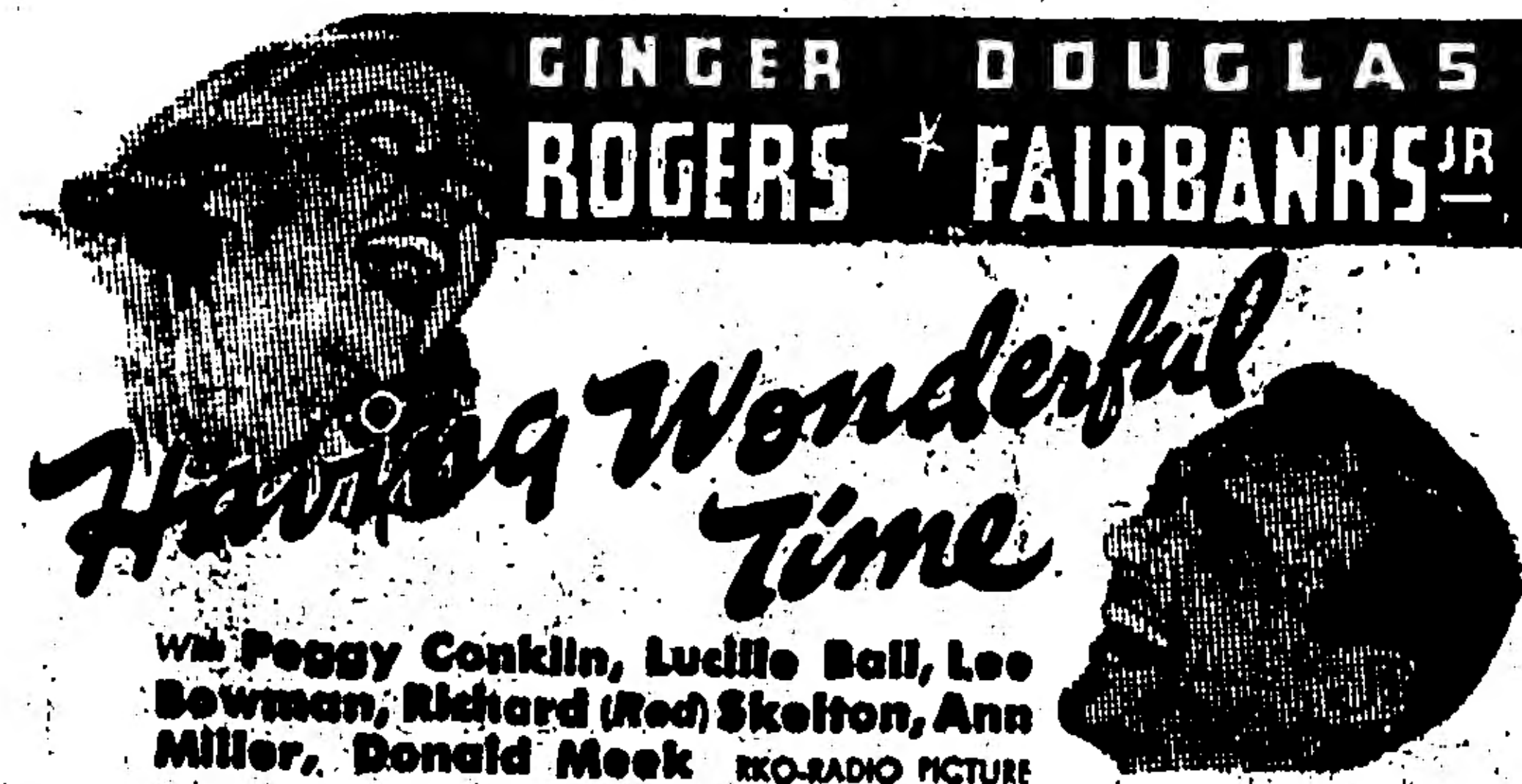


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SOVIET OFFERS NO EXCUSE FOR INVASION

London, To-day.

THE SHOCKING DEVELOPMENTS in Finland occupied the attention of the House of Commons at question time yesterday almost to the exclusion of other matters.

The Finnish attitude from the outset, said the Prime Minister in a statement, was unprovocative to an extreme degree. The Finnish Note which was delivered in Moscow immediately prior to the rupture of relations was very conciliatory in character and proposed to submit the dispute to arbitration.

Mr. Chamberlain recalled that for some time past an exchange of views had been proceeding between the Soviets and Finland on questions, mainly of a strategic character raised by the Soviets.

The Russian Government had apparently expressed some apprehension at the proximity of Leningrad to the Finnish frontier (Some Laughter) which, indeed, was only twenty miles distant, and a proposal was made for the re-alignment of this part of the frontier in exchange for territory in compensation further North.

FURTHER CLAIMS

A claim was also made for the acquisition of certain Finnish islands in the Gulf of Finland and for a Finnish port at the entrance to the Gulf in order to assure the position of the Soviet Union in the Gulf.

A further claim is believed to have been made for the Finnish side of the Rybachi Peninsula, overlooking and dominating Finland's sole arctic port, Petsamo.

The attitude of the Finnish Government from the outset was unprovocative (cheers) though governed by a determination to do nothing to impair the country's sovereign status.

It is known that on Wednesday, the Finnish Government proposed to submit the questions to arbitration and offered, in the meanwhile, to withdraw their troops from the Finnish frontier in the Karelian Isthmus, with the exception of the ordinary frontier guards and the Customs officers.

BRITISH CONCERN

On Tuesday night, the Soviets, despite the Finnish attitude, which was well-known, denounced the Soviet-Finnish Non-Aggression Pact which was expressly designed to ensure a settlement of all disputes like this peacefully.

His Majesty's Government observed these developments with increasing concern.

They found it difficult to believe that strategic measures of such scope and importance attributed to the foreign press that a Soviet attack on Finland was intended.

Yet, a few hours afterwards, Soviet forces invaded Finnish territory on several sections of the frontier, dropped incendiary bombs on an aerodrome in the neighbourhood of Helsinki, and later were reported to have bombed Helsinki, Viborg and other centres with loss of life.

NO JUSTIFICATION

His Majesty's Government warmly welcomed the offer of mediation by Mr. Cordell Hull since, in their opinion, the questions at issue were not of a nature to justify resort to military measures (cheers).

They deeply regret this attack upon a small, independent nation.

At the conclusion of the Prime Minister's statement, Mr. Attlee asked whether the Government had received from the Soviets any statement of reasons for what appeared to be a completely indefensible act of unprovoked aggression.

Mr. Chamberlain replied: "None at all."—Reuter.

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London, To-day.
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RINTELIN MAKES GRIM PROPHECY

London, To-day.
A prophecy that, by next Spring, Russia would be in possession of the whole of Scandinavia was made by Capt. von Rintelen, who was an intelligence officer on the German naval staff during the last war.

Speaking in London, Capt. Rintelen said that he was at a loss to understand why the Finns put up resistance against something which could not be resisted.

There were about half a million troops concentrated on the northern frontiers to the east of Finland, and

The Finns are robust and hardy; Finnish athletes are world famous and the Finns have been military-minded people for as many centuries as the British.

"It is these qualities of physical fitness combined with industry and determination to defend their liberties which has gained the Finns so much prestige in the United States.

"The fact that Finland paid its war debt in full was of small importance compared with its manhood and ideals."

HOW OTHERWISE?

The correspondent adds that part of the establishment of Finland's army is a corps of women similar to Britain's Women's Auxiliary Territorial Service.

They act as cooks and nurses and wear a becoming grey uniform.

The correspondent concludes: Russia has proclaimed that the occupation of Finland is not her intention but how otherwise could she impose her will upon such a virile people?—Reuter.

by next Spring, Russia would possess the Scandinavian countries, none of which were tied by alliances to any of the great Powers. — Reuter.

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INDISCRIMINATE BOMBING OF HELSINKI: LAND ATTACKS AT THREE POINTS

London, To-day.
SINCE EARLY YESTERDAY morning the Soviet army, navy and air forces have been attacking Finland with sheer ruthlessness. They attacked on land in three main forces, while the air force bombed towns and cities all day long.

The Russian Baltic Fleet left Kronstadt and attacked Hogland and the other islands the Soviets have been demanding. There is an unconfirmed report that there was a landing at Hango, another port the Russians have been demanding. The worst air raid was on Helsinki.

From early in the morning until about 2 p.m., Soviet planes flew over the city but only dropped bombs on the airport.

At 2 p.m. the all clear was sounded and people who had been sitting quietly in shelters came out. Shops reopened and trams and buses started to move again.

Then the Soviet planes started to bomb the Finnish capital in earnest. They flew high and dropped their deadly missiles without any attempt at accuracy.

A correspondent who was telephoning at the time the raid started reported he had already counted a dozen bombs from where he was sitting. Two of them were large and broke windows of half a mile radius all around.

INCENDIARY BOMBS

There were also incendiary bombs and several buildings caught fire. It is quite impossible at present to

give any estimate of the number of casualties. The people, however, remained calm and where possible returned to their shelters.

Viborg was also attacked and incendiary bombs started several fires. There also attacks all the way from Helsinki to Viborg, while coast towns and villages were also shelled either from naval batteries at Kronstadt or from warships.

HANGO ATTACK REPULSED

According to one report, the Soviet fleet has already occupied Hogland. Another unconfirmed report says that an attempted landing at Hango has been repulsed.

The land attack was in three main bodies. The first body attacked along the Arctic Coast, and the Soviets are said to have occupied the whole of the Ribachi Peninsula, part of which belongs to Finland.

It is on this peninsula that Finland has its one Arctic port that is ice-free the year round; the Soviets have lately coveted this port.

Another attack on the eastern frontier north of Lake Vigoda saw a great deal of artillery fire, which was returned by the Finns.

The Finns later withdrew, so that the Soviets found themselves confronted with a No Man's Land.

ISTHMUS OFFENSIVE

The third attack was up the Karelian Isthmus, north of Leningrad; the Isthmus is only about 40 miles wide. Here the Soviets had the support of the naval batteries.

During their early flights over Helsinki, the Soviet planes demanded the overthrow of the Finnish Government. "Mannerheim and Cajander must go," said the leaflets, "after which peace will come."

M. Cajander is the Finnish Prime Minister, while Mannerheim yesterday took over the Supreme Command of Finland's forces; he is regarded as the liberator of Finland, for he repulsed the Bolshevik armies 20 years ago. Both men enjoy great popularity and the nation's confidence.

The German wireless stations up to late yesterday afternoon had made no mention of the bombing of Helsinki, while the Moscow stations have made no reference whatever to the attack on Finland, and official circles have no statement to make.—Reuter.

HOUSES AFLAME

London, To-day.
The city was bombed for the second time yesterday afternoon and houses are aflame.

Ten machines participated and the buildings set alight included the Technical High School.—Reuter.

INCENDIARY BOMBS USED EXTENSIVELY

Helsinki, To-day.
The city was bombed in the afternoon by ten machines. Many houses are in flames.

The bombers came over in groups of two and three.

One bomb fell near the railway sta-

FREEZING GULF EXPLAINS HASTE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Copenhagen, To-day.

The Soviet precipitated the aggression against Finland because the Gulf of Finland is rapidly freezing thereby making conditions for warships and seaplanes exceedingly precarious, the "Berlingske Tidende's" Helsinki correspondent suggests.

Even next week seaplanes and warships would have found great difficulties there.

Commenting further on Soviet-Finnish developments, the paper stated that M. Molotov, Soviet Foreign Commissar, recently pointed out to M. Stalin that "events of considerable importance" were due to happen in south-eastern Europe after which the Soviet will be compelled to devote all her efforts in the Black Sea.

Hence, the Soviet should "liquidate" Finland without delay.

Nevertheless, some optimists believe that Russia's action is more intimidation without the intention of launching a full-scale offensive against Finland.

It is reported that the United States Ambassador in Moscow, in a recent interview, said that he did not believe the Soviet High Command was prepared to launch a winter campaign in Finland.—Havas.

ITALIAN AID TO FINLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Copenhagen, To-day.

Press reports state that Italy recently despatched arms and planes to Finland, while preparations were made in Rome to enable young Italians to enlist in a volunteer corps to fight on the Finnish side in the event of Soviet aggression.—Havas.

tion and windows over a wide area were smashed.

Incendiary bombs were also dropped over a wide area, setting six houses on fire at Fredericksgratan and Kalebagatan.

The Technical High School was set alight and the air raiding warning was still in progress until later in the afternoon.

From the centre of the city, about a score of bombs were counted and a big fire, from which dense clouds of smoke arose, could be seen in the northern district of the capital.—Reuter.

LANDING ON ISLAND REPORTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Helsinki, To-day.

The Ministry of National Defence announces that three Soviet planes were shot down yesterday morning near Helsinki.

It is unconfirmedly reported that Soviet troops have already landed at Selkari Island, in the Gulf of Finland.—Havas.

CRUCIAL BATTLE COMING

Chungking, To-day.

What will probably be the severest and most crucial battle of the present Sino-Japanese war will be fought in the near future in the hills of Kwangsi, according to well-informed observers here.

Following the Japanese occupation of Nanning, which has cut China's highway communication with French Indo-China, the Chinese and the Japs are reported to be rushing reinforcements and manoeuvring for positions in preparation for a major battle.

Reports from Pakhoi state that large bodies of Japanese troops are being landed there and sent to Nanning.

HEAVY FIGHTING

Latest Chinese field dispatches from Southern Kwangsi state that the Japanese forces are continuing to push northward, westward and north-westward in three columns, with the main body striking along the main highway in Southern Kwangsi towards Pingyang.

Heavy fighting is said to be going on at present near Patang to the north-east of Nanning.—Reuter.

HELD AT TWO POINTS

Kweilin, To-day.

The Japanese driving on the Nanning-Pingyang highway are meeting with firm resistance at Llutang, approximately 25 miles northeast of Nanning. Severe fighting has raged without interruption, and heavy casualties have been upon the enemy. The countryside strewn with Japanese dead and wounded.

Japanese reinforcements have been brought up but the Chinese cling to their positions.

There is no change on the Nanning-Wuming highway. The Chinese still hold the strategic pass at Kaofeng, about 14 miles north of Nanning.—Central News.

INDIGNATION FELT IN FRANCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Deep indignation is felt throughout the country over the Soviet invasion of Poland.

Political circles stress that Germany, during the whole crisis, advised Finland to yield, thus clearly demonstrating Berlin-Moscow complicity.

Although it is not impossible that the Soviets are embarking on a full scale campaign, it is more probable that they will be content with the seizure of those strategic points she failed to secure through negotiations.


On the other hand, the greatest importance is attached to the American offer of direct mediation and the Soviet rejection.—Havas.

INDIGNATION IN AMSTERDAM

Amsterdam, To-day.

Indignation at the Russian invasion of Finland is general.

Windows of the offices of the Dutch Communist paper "Volksdagblad" in Amsterdam were smashed yesterday when the news was known.—Reuter.



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Group of the Hong Kong Chinese Girls' Basketball Team and the Manila Rangers. (Photo by courtesy of the "Sing Tao Jih Pao").

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Hundreds Killed In Five Soviet Raids On Helsinki

MASS MURDER AND ULTIMATUM

London, To-day.

WHILE A MASS EVACUATION is proceeding from the flame-ridden capital of Finland, Helsinki, in which hundreds have been killed and wounded in five savage Soviet air raids, an unconfirmed report states that the Finnish Government has been presented with an ultimatum demanding the surrender of all Finland by 3 a.m. Moscow Time, that is, approximately 9 a.m. to-day, Hong Kong time.

Unless surrender is proclaimed, the ultimatum is said to threaten, Helsinki and every other big centre in the country will be razed to the ground.

An official Finnish statement concerning the land invasion, declares that Finland's forces are fighting stubbornly at all points. The Russian armies have been repulsed at most points, and where they have succeeded in gaining a foothold, they have been unable to make further progress.

Twelve Soviet bombing planes have been shot down by anti-aircraft fire during the raids on Helsinki. FLEET CHALLENGED

It is also reported that the Finnish fleet, although hopelessly outgunned, has challenged the Soviet fleet attacking Hango and a naval engagement is believed to be in progress.

Soviet marines are reported to have landed at Hango in the face of withering fire, after the approaches had been subjected to naval shelling and aerial bombing for hours without a moment's cessation.

The Russian armies have swept through the Rybachi Peninsula in the extreme north, but they have made little progress in the Karelian Isthmus, their advance being limited to about five miles, despite the employment of mechanised units advancing under the cover of heavy artillery.

FINNISH MORALE HIGH

In the third raid on Helsinki, forty were killed, mostly women and children. In the fourth raid, at 7 p.m. 250 persons were killed and wounded and eleven Soviet planes were shot down. The fifth raid came at 9 p.m., the Soviet bombers being directed to their objectives by the great red glow of a burning city.

Foreign correspondents in the capital declare that despite the violence of the raids and the fact that the first bombs were dropped only one minute after the alarm, the morale of the civilian population has been magnificent and there has been no sign of panic.

The Cabinet met in the afternoon and later met both Houses of Parliament, where a vote of confidence was given by an overwhelming majority. There is no sign of acceptance of the Moscow demand for the Government's resignation.

Evacuation of the city is proceeding with the utmost despatch, all trains being full, while many people are travelling by foot, despite the unpleasant weather conditions.

U.S. LEGATION HIT

During the raids, a bomb struck the U.S. Legation, but none of the inmates was injured. Another bomb, of some 500-lbs. dropped near the Russian Legation and killed many persons in an adjoining building. All the victims of the bombing attacks have been civilians.

The Soviet Government, which refused for hours to admit that the invasion had been ordered, issued a statement last evening declaring that the attack was provoked by a further attempted invasion of Soviet territory by Finnish troops.

SOVIET "RETICENCE"

They claim that Russian troops have advanced between five and ten miles into Finnish territory in the Karelian Isthmus. They make only brief re-

ference to air attacks, limiting their version to the statement that Soviet planes made "reconnaissance" flights over the airports at Viborg and Helsinki and bombed them.

M. Erkkö, the Finnish Foreign Minister, told foreign correspondents that the Finnish forces everywhere were on the defensive. "This is our policy. We have no other way. If there is a chance to make an honest agreement we are always ready to grasp it."—Reuter.

FINLAND'S MILITARY COMMANDER

Helsinki, To-day. Field-Marshal Mannerheim, Finland's Grand Old Man, has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Finnish forces. — Reuter.

SEISKARI OCCUPIED

Helsinki, To-day. Soviet forces crossed the frontier at Kyrskylä and Kaanaeskenke and occupied the island of Seiskari, forty miles to the west of Kronstadt, and also the port of Terijoki, ten miles from the frontier, after bombardment from the sea.—Reuter.

HANGOE ISLAND TAKEN?

Stockholm, To-day. It is reported here that Soviet troops have landed on the island of Han-

EVENTS PERTURB GERMANY

Amsterdam, To-day.

The Russian invasion of Finland made a tremendous but complicated impression on Germany, says the Berlin correspondent of the Dutch paper "Telegraaf," who was permitted by the German censor to send a telephone message.

In his message, the correspondent said:—

"The concessions are now coming to light which Ribbentrop had to make to Moscow in order to obtain

BRITISH WARNING TO SOVIET

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Observers here assumed that the Soviet aggression against Finland will compromise the Anglo-Soviet trade negotiations.

It is reported that London previously warned Moscow that the negotiations would be impossible in the event of Soviet aggression against Finland.

The Russians themselves, however, had expressed their unwillingness to negotiate with Britain if she continued "to encourage powers hostile to Russia."—Havas.

the support of the Soviets.

"The Baltic States were sacrificed by Germany and after raking in this booty the Soviet made demands regarding a free hand in Finland, Sweden and Norway.

"Here, too, Germany gave way."

German circles generally, says the correspondent, sympathise with the Finns and watch with apprehension the spread of Russian power in the Baltic.

This progress is particularly unpopular with Army and Navy circles.

The former recall the time when Germans and Finns fought side by side against Russia, and won Finland's independence, while naval circles are worried for strategic reasons.—Reuter.

SCREEN FOR NAZI WAR PLAN AGAINST ALLIES?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

BEHIND THE SCREEN of the Soviet action against Finland, political circles discern deeper currents of Soviet-Nazi intrigue.

It is considered possible that Russia got a free hand in Finland, while the Reich will later deal with Norway and Sweden, thus gaining most important strategic positions and economic gains—notably lumber and iron ore.

Scandinavian bases might prove of some value for an air attack on Britain, while Germany might be able to continue her export trade by using the Norwegian harbour of Narvik, in Ofoten Bay, which is connected by railway with the Gulf Bothnia.

The Red Army attacking Petsamo, the region which separates Norway and Russia, may help the Germans in their Scandinavian adventure.—Havas.

ADVANCING TOWARDS THE "MAGINOT LINE"

Rome, To-day. Soviet forces who crossed the Finnish frontier are now rapidly advancing towards the Finnish "Meginot Line," 20 miles from the border, according to a message from Helsinki.

They are encountering some resistance.

It is reported that the hospital at Enso was destroyed during a Soviet bombing raid.

Soviet warships are stated to have bombarded Helsinki in the afternoon, but their fire was immediately answered by coast batteries.

Helsinki's train and bus services have been suspended.—Reuter.

AMERICA INCENSED

Soviet Invasion Regarded As A Direct Affront

NO EVENT SINCE WAR HAS SO SHOCKED OPINION

Washington, To-day.
NO EVENT SINCE THE WAR started has so profoundly shocked American opinion as the Soviet invasion of Finland.

Until a very late hour last night, Administration officials declined to give credence to press reports of the attack.

Until the calculated offensive, land, sea and air, was confirmed by official despatches, they refused to believe that the Soviet contemplated military action and they were still hoping that the offer by the United States Government of its good offices would be accepted.

Official anger has, in fact, been increased by the realisation that the invasion is a direct affront to the United States. — Reuter.

RUSSIA NOT INTERESTED

Washington, To-day.

A Russian official had told the United States Government that there was no need for Soviet Russia to use the good offices of the United States Government as offered by Washington.

On the other hand, Finland warmly welcomed the offer and the Finnish Minister here told the United States Government that his country would welcome their good offices. — Reuter.

WASHINGTON MAKING UP MIND TO ACTION

Washington, To-day.

Questioned about the possibility of the United States applying the provisions of the Neutrality Act to Russia and Finland, Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, refused to comment but said that at some time later he might be able to give his reasons for not announcing the decision immediately, says the Dow Jones Agency. — Reuter.

FINNISH MINISTER CONFERS WITH MR. HULL

Washington, To-day.

In an official statement M. Probope, the Finnish Minister to Washington, denied that Finland had declared war on Russia.

He said that Finland had declared a state of siege.

M. Probope later had a conference with Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State. — Reuter.

PRES. ROOSEVELT RETURNS

Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt on news of the Russian invasion, returned from Warm Springs immediately and went into conference with the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, concerning Finland.

Almost simultaneously, it became known that an official of the Soviet Embassy had advised the Government that he saw no need for the extension of America's good offices for a peaceful solution of the Russo-Finnish dispute.

On the other hand, Finland, through her Minister at Washington, advised the Government that she would welcome the United States' good offices. — Reuter.

MOLOTOV REBUKES UNITED STATES

Moscow, To-day.

The Foreign Commissar, M. Molotov having sharply rebuke American interference in the Soviet-Finnish dispute, observers here do not expect Soviet acceptance of the mediation offer. — Reuter.

BRITISH WARSHIPS SEEK SHELTER

Oslo, To-day.

The Norwegian naval authorities announce that two British warships and one damaged British submarine have put in to the Norwegian coast near Stavenger, pleading stress of weather and damage.

The first British cruiser arrived at 7 a.m. yesterday, being followed two hours later by the other warship and the submarine.

The Norwegian authorities have sent aeroplanes and Coast Guards to inspect the British ships for damage. — Reuter.

LONDON STATEMENT

London, To-day.

It is announced in London that there is no connection between the putting in to Norway of two British warships and a submarine and the reports of the naval battle near Norway between warships and aeroplanes. — Reuter.

STATEMENT ON CENSORSHIP

LONDON, TO-DAY.

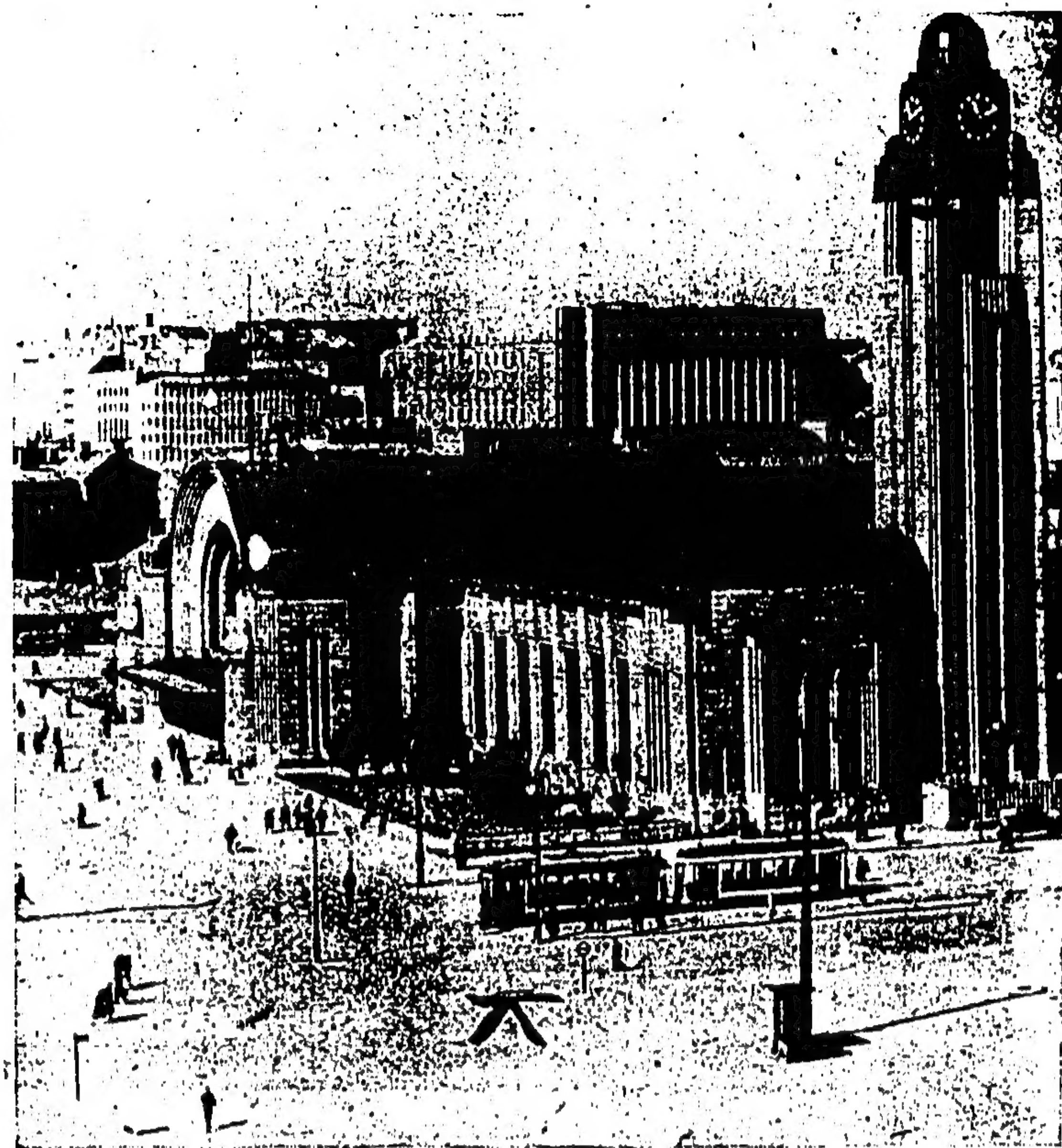
THERE WAS SOME CENSORSHIP OF THE PRESS IN ALMOST ALL COLONIES, ALTHOUGH THE EXACT DEGREE AND METHOD VARIED, DECLARED MR. MALCOLM MACDONALD, COLONIAL SECRETARY, IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY.

Matter sent from Britain to the Colonies was censored in the United Kingdom.

"Representations have been made to me on the question of double censorship and I am consulting the other departments concerned with a view to seeing what relation is practicable.

"There is no censorship in Britain of press matter from the Colonies, either by cable or mail, although telegrams received by the press agencies, if connected with the war, are submitted to censorship before issuing." — Reuter.

A workman, Ma Wing, of the Royal Naval Dockyard was taken to the Queen Mary Hospital with a fractured skull yesterday. He fell into the well of a warship.



Helsingfors (Helsinki) railway station. (Copyright, Fox).

HONG KONG COMFORTS FOR TROOPS

THE KNITTING SECTION OF THE BRITISH WAR ORGANIZATION FUND DESPATCHED TO ENGLAND LAST WEEK, 335 MUFLERS, 58 SWEATERS, 4 PAIR OF MITTENS AND 549 PAIRS OF SOCKS.

These were packed by the Taikoo Sugar Refinery in cases provided by them and were shipped by courtesy of the Blue Funnel Line, some cases being sent to the Navy and some directly to the men at the Front. The wool was bought by private subscription; the largest donation of \$180 being given by the ladies of the Taikoo Club working Party.

As a result of the showing of the "Edith Cavell" Film at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres, the satisfactory sum of \$2,120.44 was realized for the Fund.

On Sunday, December 10, two hockey matches will be played at King's Park, a ladies' match at 2.30 p.m., Island V Mainland, and at 4 p.m., the Combined Services V. Civilians. The Pipers of the 5/6th Rajputana Rifles will play during the afternoon.

AUSTRIAN SUMMONED

Marcel Israel Singer, 18-year-old Austrian butcher, was charged before Mr. R. Edwards this morning, with failing to notify the Police of his place of residence.

Defendant was employed by the Central Meat Company in Wellington Street. When he left that company, he did not report to the Police.

A fine of \$10 was imposed.

PATROL ACTIVITY

Paris, To-day.

Local artillery action and small patrol activity is reported from the Western Front. — Reuter.

Mr. W. J. S. Key, of No. 533, Stubbs Road, has reported that jewellery to the value of \$121 was stolen from his bedroom last night.

GERMAN WANTED TO BE INTERNED

A GERMAN SUBJECT HANS GEORGE STERN, 20, WAS HARGED TO-DAY BEFORE MR. J. HIMS-WORTH WITH STOWING AWAY ON BOARD THE M. V. RUYTS FROM SHANGHAI, WITH ENTERING THE COLONY WITHOUT A VALID PASSPORT AND WITH BEING A VAGRANT.

He stated that he could find no way of living in Shanghai and, having heard that Hong Kong had a Camp, he decided to come here to be interned.

"You were only wasting your time. Every stowaway has to be sent back to the place he comes from and you cannot be an exception," said Mr. Himsforth.

"Please do not send me back to Shanghai, where life is impossible," Stern appealed, he stated that he was once a resident of this Colony.

He was placed on a bond and sent to the House of Detention, with an expulsion order against him.

The prosecuting officer, however, suggested that he be permitted to make arrangements with the military authorities to send the youth to the Internment Camp.

TAI-O TRAGEDY

A 12-YEAR-OLD GIRL, NG KAU-MUI, WAS KILLED THIS MORNING BY ONE OF EIGHT ARMED ROBBERS WHEN HER MOTHER RAISED AN ALARM AFTER THEY HAD RANSACKED THE PLACE, IT IS REVEALED IN A POLICE REPORT.

The robbers invaded a hut at Shan Wat Village at 2 a.m. to-day while the occupants, a widow, a boy and the girl, were asleep.

The woman was threatened and gave them \$20.

After the robbers had left, the woman raised an alarm. The robbers returned to the house and attacked the occupants, killed the girl and wounding the woman and the boy.



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Nanning, as shown above, has been reduced to ruins by the recent continuous bombing by Japanese aircraft.



The kiddies were well provided for at the Cathedral Fair. Picture shows a group of youngsters thoroughly enjoying themselves.



A picture taken at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club closing day on Saturday.



Rev. Dean Wilson asking Lady Northcote to declare the Cathedral Fair open last Saturday. Lady Northcote is seated; and others in the picture are the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, Commodore E. C. Peters and H.E. Major General A. E. Grassett.

Daladier Given Full Powers "For The Duration"

VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN CHAMBER SECURED BY SUBSTANTIAL MAJORITY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

M. DALADIER WAS TO-DAY given a vote of confidence by the Chamber of Deputies by 309 votes to 188, which means, in effect, that the Premier is now invested with plenary powers (semi-dictatorship) for the duration of the war.

The vote followed the defeat of an amendment to the Government's resolution. The amendment would have compelled M. Daladier to call Parliament every month to secure their approval of war decrees.

In an address to the Chamber, M. Daladier said that peace could be made only with a government whose signature could be regarded as binding.

He spoke enthusiastically of Anglo-French co-operation and expressed complete confidence in the outcome of the war.

A Government declaration had been read earlier yesterday morning by the Premier, M. Daladier, in the Chamber of Deputies and M. Chautemps in the Senate at the opening of the session of Parliament.

It emphasised France's determination to "lay down arms only when the wrongs done to other nations are righted."

"Europe's security must be organised strongly. It must be extended to all the nations of Europe."

Pointing to Franco-British arms comradeship, the declaration stated that contrary to expectations, military operations had not yet reached a violent stage.

"We did not have to take any initiative. This war is for our security and freedom. It was imposed on us not only by Germany's aggression against Poland but by the systematic determination of the German Government to impose European domination."

SPARING BLOOD

The declaration emphasised the French Government's determination to spare French blood and "accumulate a powerful reserve which will give us the certainty of being able to break all future attacks with a minimum of losses and with assurances of success."

The whole country must understand that this unexciting warfare is carried on in this way in order to bring victory nearer and make it less costly in human lives.

The statement recalls the creation of the Anglo-French Supreme War Council. "The Anglo-French military and political fronts are supported by the vast resources of two immense Empires."

Broadly outlining the conditions and aims of peace, the statement concluded:—

"We must first win the war and this is the only aim for our energies at present."

"All the peoples of the world know that Germany is entirely responsible for the war and they realise perfectly that the triumph of Nazi-ism would mean their enslavement." — Havas.

JEBSEN'S FINED

Before Mr. R. Edwards to-day, Messrs. Jebson and Company were fined \$800 for selling radios without a licence and possession of the apparatus without a licence.

Mr. M. J. Abbott, Assistant Crown Solicitor, conducted the prosecution, while Mr. O. E. C. Marton was for the defence.

NAZIS TRY TO CONFUSE REPRISALS ISSUE

London, To-day.

Nazi comment on the Allied decision to make German exports in neutral vessels on the High seas liable to seizure, seeks deliberately to confuse the issue by arguing that such action is not in accordance with the stipulations of such statements of the international law of war as the declaration of Paris of 1856.

The whole point of the Allied action, however, is that it is a reprisal for German violation of the laws of war. The German Government is trying, by illegal submarine and mine action, to cut off British commerce and the retaliation decided upon by the Allies is aimed against German commerce.

There is an important difference between the two methods.

German action at sea has resulted in the destruction of goods irrespective of their liability to seizure and in the destruction of ships—neutral as well as Allied—in addition to their cargoes.

This violent and ruthless action has sacrificed hundreds of neutral and non-combatant lives.

Allied action, based on an established right of the belligerent to take reprisals if an enemy acts illegally, does inevitably affect neutral interests, but the action will be in accordance with a procedure designed to reduce, as far as possible, inconvenience and hardship suffered by neutral shipping and commerce.—British Wireless.

MINE SINKS SHEAF CREST

London, To-day.

The British steamer, Sheaf Crest, of 2,730 tons, registered at Newcastle, and belonging to the Sheaf S.S. Company, of Newcastle, struck a mine in the North Sea yesterday and was sunk.

Some 29 survivors, some of them injured have so far been landed, and it is believed that other members of the crew have been picked up.—Reuter.

Chau Leung-ki, 18, student, was fined \$25 by Mr. T. J. Houston this morning, for evading bus fare. Sergeant Pockson said defendant tried to use his uncle's monthly ticket.

ANOTHER U-BOAT SUNK

Paris, To-day.

It is announced in an official communique that another Nazi U-boat has been successfully attacked and destroyed by a unit of the French Navy.—Reuter.

HON. MR. S. CAINE ENTERTAINED

The Hon. Mr. Sydney Caine, who is leaving the Colony next week, was the guest of honour at a dinner party given by the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo last evening. The guests included all Chinese Unofficial members of Council and a number of prominent Government officials.

REDS IN FRANCE TO BE PROSECUTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

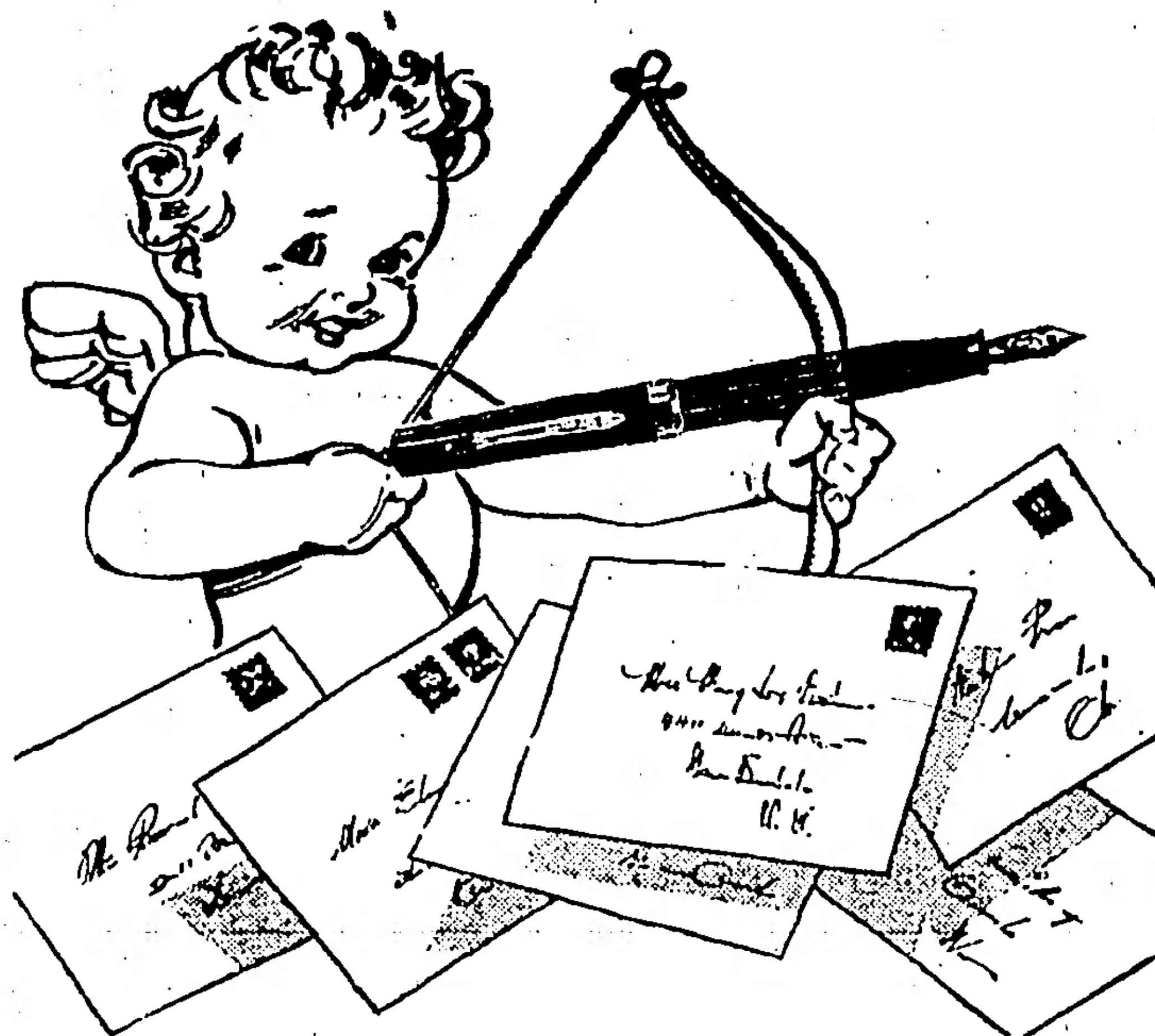
Paris, To-day.

The Chamber of Deputies has voted to lift Parliamentary immunity from 11 former Communist Deputies now belonging to the newly formed Workers and Peasants Party.

All are charged with an attempt to reconstitute a disguised Communist party and to rebuild a political organization banned by law.—Havas.

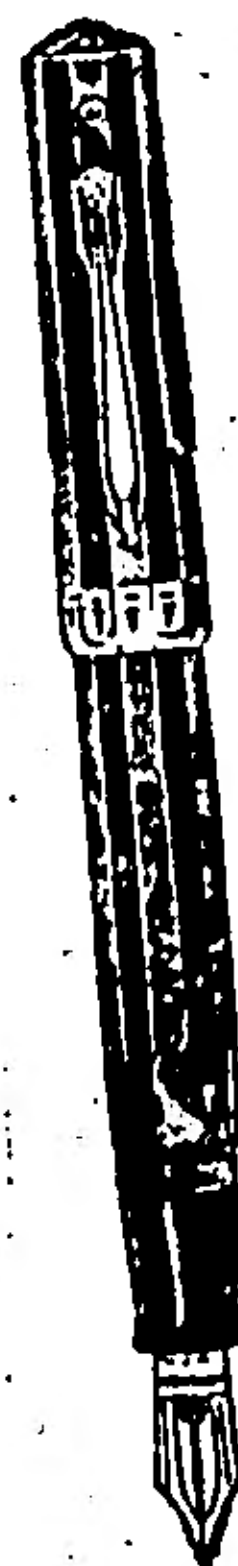
Mrs. J. Goldman, of No. 162, Argyle Street, has reported the theft of a quantity of jewellery during the night.

Mr. Mok, of the Siang Au Ping Trading Co., No. 5, Queen's Road Central, has reported that cosmetics valued at \$325 were stolen about 3 p.m. yesterday.



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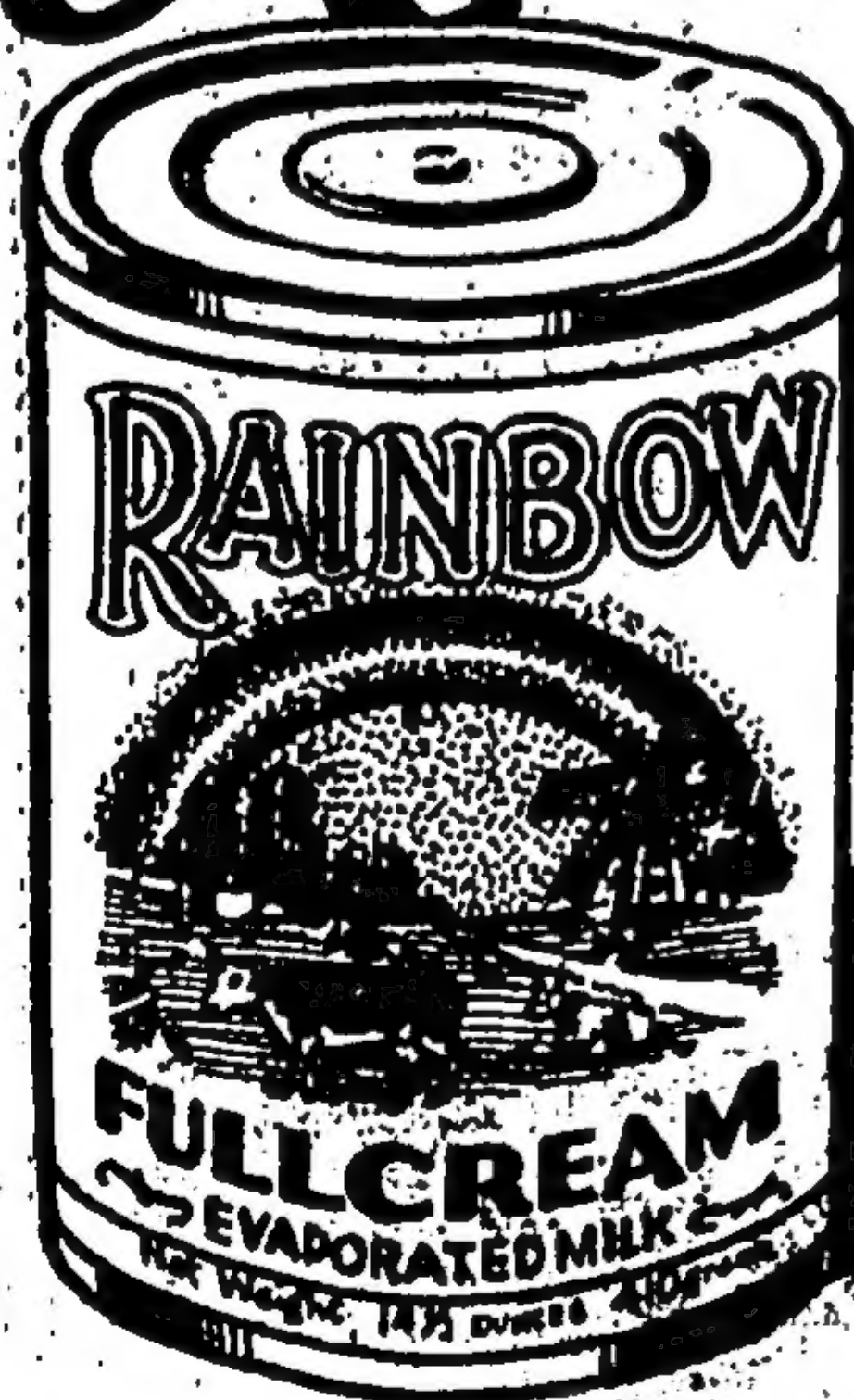
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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

WE ARE THE PEOPLE

It is curious what a persistent barrage of bouquets to the British Secret Service the propaganda department of Truthful Joe Goebbels insists on putting down. Hitler, of course, has never ceased to maintain from the days of "Mein Kampf" onwards that it was solely British propaganda that drove the Germans out of France and Belgium in the autumn of 1918; they were in no sense booted forth by superior force (though some of us can remember seeing that process most effectively in operation just twenty-one years ago) but were wafted mysteriously homewards on the wings of far too successful British inventions in the realm of "ideology." And, just as Hitler has for reasons of his own sung the praises of the British propaganda of the last war, so Truthful Joe and his minions salute with fury the miraculous performances of the British Secret Service. Long-distance death rays are nothing to the feats performed by that astonishing department, which can blow up a Bavarian beer-hall as easily as it causes the Rhine to rise and flood the Siegfried Line. Moreover, its successful efforts are the result of long practice; it must have blown up the Munich beer-hall, says the "Borsen Zeitung," because "it has been proved that in fifteen years 72 attempts financed by Britain were made on the life of Napoleon I."

It seems a pity to drag in the first Napoleon; we all know where he spent his declining years and why. However, it all shows what persistently efficient people the British are when once they get going. It seems rather odd of the Nazis to rub that moral into their own people so incessantly, for some of them may begin to wonder why on earth they have let themselves become embroiled once more with such determined and accomplished neighbours. Moreover, it sounds as though they must be rather nice as well. If they sent the Germans home by just peaceful persuasion in 1918, and if you have to go back as far as Napoleon I's time for supposed evidence of their infamy, why, the recent behaviour of this remarkable people must be almost too good to be true! —"Manchester Guardian."

A UNITED ECONOMIC FRONT

As Allies in the field, France and

Britain have lost no time in putting their armies and navies each under a single supreme command. They have also recognised the advantage of correlating their demands upon what may be called the munitions market—whether of raw materials or manufactured arms—in order to avoid the costly possibility of becoming competing purchasers and of so inflating prices and jeopardising the satisfaction of each other's needs. There still remains to be realised a logical corollary to these sensible and timely decisions, as was pointed out the

other day in a point letter from the respective Presidents of the British Chamber of Commerce in Paris and the French Chamber of Commerce in London. What these authoritative correspondents have drawn attention to is the handicapping of Anglo-French trade by the burdensome restrictions placed upon it in both coun-

tries. Those restrictions are no doubt imposed for what appear to be good reasons, but they are having the most injurious effect. Where so many of the peace-time channels of international trade are closed or obstructed by war conditions, it is the more necessary to free those between the Allies.

Unfortunately, however, in these matters of reciprocal trade there has been a lack of liaison work. There would seem to have been no thorough consultation between the authorities in France and this country who framed the existing restrictions, or of the trading interests concerned. Complaint is made that no regard has been paid to and no inquiry has been made into the nature of French business in this country and of British business in France. If grievous loss is not to be incurred, it is essential that unity of command should be established between the Allies in the economic as well as in the military field. Accredited representatives of industrial and commercial activity in both countries should be brought into consultation with each other, and their joint recommendations should be pondered and paid heed to by those officially charged with the drafting of trade regulations. In other words, the object should be to adapt regulations to suit the trade and not the trade to suit the regulations. When the respective presidents of the British Chamber of Commerce in Paris and the French Chamber of Commerce in London unite in complaining of the waste of a valuable Allied asset resulting wholly from unco-ordinated regulation, an authority superior to that of the Departments should assert itself. Goodwill is not lacking, and it should be made effective by good sense. —"Daily Telegraph."

FLESH CREEP

Ribbentrop has called in the inventive powers of Nazi propaganda in an effort to make our flesh creep. He has an aeroplane, it appears, that can reach London in an hour and a half. Germany's parachute corps is undergoing "intense and feverish training." Two hundred submarines have been ordered. "The moon goes from the first quarter to full," the propagandists add, "and people generally feel it is a very suitable time to start."

Those are the very accents of the Fat Boy of Pickwick. Unluckily for Ribbentrop, who is a failure as a Fat Boy just as he is a failure in everything else, Britain is no Miss Rachel Wardle.

PEACE AIMS

We are not concerned with the form of other governments; our only concern is with their behaviour. Each nation should have freedom to decide what type of government it prefers. An absolute monarchy, even a dictatorship, may suit some countries far better than what we please to call a democracy. Each according to his likes. But the nations are definitely concerned with the degree of co-operation which other governments, whatever their form, are willing to give to the establishing of a world order in which peaceful nations may live at peace. The only peace aim that can justify sacrifices is the establishing of a world of states upon a sound economic and political basis. And the destruction of existing forms of government is justified only as a means of clearing the stage for the establishing of such a world. —J. Anton de Haas.

that we have the power to strike back.

We will wait and see. If Germany attacks us, we are ready. And if yesterday's shout is only another battle in a war of nerves, it would seem that the German people are more likely to be shaken by it than we are. —"Evening News," London.

SOVIET DID NOT WANT PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT

Excuses Would Not Find Acceptance Anywhere

TACTICS MADE ONLY TOO FAMILIAR

London, To-day.

SEMI-OFFICIAL SOURCES in London state that a peaceful settlement could have been reached but that Soviet Russia would have none of it.

The Russian excuses had found acceptance nowhere outside of Soviet Russia. They were of the kind that the Nazis have made only too familiar.

FINLAND'S MAGINOT LINE

London, To-day.

Finland's main bulwark of defence against invasion from the east is a remarkable Maginot Line called the Mannerheim Line, named after the country's famous Field-Marshal.

Here nature has helped the Finnish engineers form a line of extraordinary strength.

The endless evergreen forests provide protection from the air and barracks and training places are absolutely invisible.

Large stretches of lakes and dangerous morasses save fortifying some areas at all and the landscape is liberally strewn with huge granite blocks forming anti-tank barriers.

ELECTRIFIED WIRE

Some areas are seamed with cunningly arranged systems of barbed wire of which much is electrified.

In addition the Finns have dug a network of broad furrows.

Full advantage has been taken of the peculiarities of the landscape and all sorts of emplacements and larger fortifications have been erected. — Reuter.

DEATH OF DR. NORMAN BETHUNE

Chungking, To-day.

Further details have been gathered here concerning Dr. Norman Bethune, a Canadian who is reported to have died on November 13, reveal that he was about 40 years of age and came from Montreal.

Dr. Bethune was last seen by friends at Hankow late in February last year, when he was completing arrangements for a trip to North Shansi.

Shortly afterwards, with medical equipment and supplies, Dr. Bethune travelled to the north, accompanied by Miss Jane Ewan, a Canadian nurse.

Dr. Bethune carried with him U.S.\$2,000 for establishing 30 beds in a field hospital in the north. Together with Dr. Charles Par-

sons, Associate Surgeon in Benedict Hospital, Kingston, New York, he formed the first medical unit organized by a group of people in New York.

ATTACK FORESEEN

London, To-day.

Although yesterday's leading articles in the British press were written before Soviet Russia's invasion of Finland, most of the papers considered the invasion inevitable and bitterly condemn Soviet aggression.

"The Times" says that the Soviet excuses are even more grotesque than those of the Nazis before Germany invaded Poland. No more perfunctory excuse could have been made than to suggest that the troops of a small country, all of whose interests were based on peace and neutrality, could threaten a nation of 180,000,000 people.

FLIMSY PRETEXT

The "Daily Telegraph" points out that the alleged threat to Leningrad is no greater to-day than it was in 1932, when Soviet Russia signed the Non-Aggression Pact with Finland which she has now denounced. The Labour paper "Daily Herald" says that Finland is a highly civilised and democratic country; Russia's only "excuse" is the brutal Imperialist doctrine that might is right. — Reuter.

WAVE OF INDIGNATION THROUGHOUT WORLD

Rome, To-day.

"The tragic development of the Soviet-Finnish tension has aroused a wave of indignation throughout the civilised world," writes the paper "Osservatore Romano."

After making a strong attack against the Soviet attitude to her northern neighbour, the paper adds:—

"The fate of the whole of northern Europe is largely bound up with that of Finland." — Reuter.

SOVIET PURSUED A DELIBERATE PATH

London, To-day.

There is good reason to believe that Moscow delayed the transmission of the Finnish reply to the Soviet Note so that the Soviet Government would not be embarrassed in its pursuance of its pre-arranged aggression.

It is understood that the Finnish reply suggested an enquiry by a frontier commission and offered to negotiate concerning the withdrawing of Finnish troops as demanded by Moscow. — Reuter.

sons, Associate Surgeon in Benedict Hospital, Kingston, New York, he formed the first medical unit organized by a group of people in New York.

Dr. Parsons is now working with the "New Fourth Army" somewhere in the vicinity of the Nanking-Shanghai area. — Reuter.



Photo taken after the wedding on Wednesday at St. John's Cathedral of Mr. John Edward Potter and Miss Norah Mary Huson.

MR. CASEY HAS AN AUDIENCE

London, To-day.

Mr. Casey, the Australian Minister of Supply, who is shortly returning to the Commonwealth at the end of consultations which have been taking place in London was received by the King at Buckingham Palace yesterday. — British Wireless.

CHINA'S BRISTLES MONOPOLY

Chungking, To-day.

It is officially announced that China's annual export of \$28,000,000 worth of bristles is now placed under the control of a central trust. — Reuter.

FINNISH MINISTER SEES LORD HALIFAX

London, To-day.

The Finnish Minister called at the Foreign Office yesterday. — British Wireless.



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AMERICAN INTEREST IN ALLIED BATTLE FOR FREE THOUGHT AND CONSCIENCE

London, To-day.

TO-DAY, THE AMERICAN desire to help the Allies as much as possible is even greater than it was in the last war, said Mr. Bertram Kruger, representative of the American society for looking after military and civilian casualties in Britain, in a broadcast from Daventry yesterday.

There is a growing feeling in America, he said, that the British Empire and France are fighting and making great sacrifices for those things that America holds most dear—democratic government, freedom of thought and liberty of conscience.

HOLLAND'S PROTESTS

The Hague, To-day.

The Netherlands Government has officially protested in Paris against the Allied blockade measures, according to an announcement by Dr. de Geer, the Prime Minister. It is also officially announced that the Government has energetically protested in Britain.—Reuter.

NAZI PLANE SHOT DOWN

London, To-day.

Another German plane was shot down in single combat with a British fighter off the North-East Coast yesterday. The four members of the crew were picked up slightly injured, by a Norwegian steamer.—Reuter.

GIRL OF 12 KILLED

A girl of 12 was killed at 2 a.m. to-day when eight robbers armed with choppers invaded a hut in Shan Wat village, Tai-O.

The American Red Cross is doing as much as it can and large sums of money are being raised for its work. In addition to Canada's special position as close friend and neighbour of the United States, many American forefathers came from the British Isles, and "we want to help Britain."

This desire to help has found expression in the formation of an American Committee in New York to consolidate and centralise this feeling.

HOSPITAL SUPPLIES

No actual money will be sent out of the United States this time, but the fund will be devoted to hospital supplies for military and civilian casualties.

This work is of no political significance, but is "a spontaneous expression of the very sincere desire to help." The work will be expanded no matter how great the demand grows. The hospital supplies come with the very good wishes of the people of the United States.—Reuter.

BRITISH PUBLIC INDIGNANT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL").

London, To-day.

The British public is most indignant at Soviet Russia's aggression against Finland, since it was hoped that Russia would finally accept the offers of mediation from President Roosevelt.—Havas.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEBATE IN COMMONS

London, To-day.

In the House of Commons, the Labour member Mr. Hugh Dalton, initiating a debate on foreign affairs, declared that before the House assembled the Labour Party had considered the Finnish-Soviet situation and reached the conclusion that an act of aggression had been committed by a great Power against a small democratic country.

They particularly regretted that the Soviet had not accepted the United States' offer of mediation.

The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, dealing with the general situation, reaffirmed the intention of sparing neutrals as much as possible in the interpretation of the Order-in-Council.

Neutral representations were receiving the close attention of Lord Halifax.

At the same time, we had ample evidence of the desire of neutrals to understand the reasons for the British decision and appreciate the radical difference between the British and the German policies.

We were more closely allied to France than ever before both in thought and action.

DESPAIRING EFFORT

The appointment of M. Monet as the first chairman of the Inter-Allied Official Co-ordinating Committee mocks at the despairing attempts of German propaganda when they try to draw a distinction between the aims and objects of the two nations.

Alluding to the Balkans, Mr. Butler said he was sure that any opportunity of improving trade with Greece would be taken and the matter was under active consideration.

The Government was gratified to learn the recent decision of Turkey and Bulgaria to reduce the number of troops on the frontier regions which it was hoped would lead to a renewal of confidence between the two Governments.—Reuter.

PEACE PLAN

Mr. Dalton spoke of the importance of Anglo-French cooperation.

It was no exaggeration to say that the survival of civilisation in Europe depended on closed and continuous cooperation between these two countries.

Welcoming the closer economic co-operation recently achieved, he expressed the hope that it would only be the first step in a still wider scheme in which other countries might participate.

Urging early consideration in consultation with the French Government and the Dominions of the character of the Allies peace plan, so that if the war is shorter than expected they should not be caught unprepared for the building of a peace which would endure, Mr. Dal-

SIMPLE SUM IN ARITHMETIC

London, To-day.

Mr. William Simms, foreign editor of the Scripps-Howard newspapers, emphasising the absurdity of the boast made in the Berlin newspapers that Germany was now master of the North Sea and the North Atlantic, points out that it would take the Reich more than 15 years to sweep Allied and neutral shipping from the seas at the present rate of destruction, this figure not taking into account replacements.

He added: "Germany is aware of this, hence the present desperate efforts. She will have to score many times her present average to turn the trick."—Reuter.

AMERICANS TAKING MEDICAL SUPPLIES

Chungking, To-day.

Equipped with two truckloads of medical supplies a party of seven American missionaries of the Scandinavian Alliance Mission are leaving shortly for their stations in and near Sian, capital of Shensi.

The party consists of Miss Edith Johnson, from Illinois, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Gustafson, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nelson, from Minnesota, Miss Ruth Nelson, from Washington and Mr. O. Beckon from Iowa.

They are proceeding from Chungking to Sian in two Ford cars with trailers.

Medicine and supplies to the party were provided by the Chinese Red Cross Society of Hong Kong for relief work among the Chinese wounded soldiers at Sian and other mission centres in Shensi.—Reuter.

RAWALPINDI VICTIMS

London, To-day.

The Admiralty has issued a list of officers and men missing from H.M.S. Rawalpindi.

The list comprises 265 names, including 39 officers.

It is understood that a small number of ratings named in the list are prisoners on board a German warship. Berlin claims they are 26 in number, but the Admiralty has no information as to their names.—Reuter.

ton endorsed the Prime Minister's disavowal, in the debate on Tuesday, of vindictive terms.

They should make the German people know that, after the war, they desired to see a free and civilised Germany taking her place in a free and civilised Europe as a good neighbour and an equal.

There were stirrings, he averred, within Germany that might lead sooner than some expected to the liquidation of the Nazi scourge and the Gestapo. He advocated as part of the framework they should be designing for the New Europe of which the Premier had spoken some provision for modification of national sovereignty.

The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replying, said that during the last war, Lord Grey had defined the aims of British diplomacy as, first, the preservation of Allied solidarity, and, secondly, the maintenance of relations with neutral countries.

In the present conflict, Britain and France had not only maintained Allied solidarity but had made Allied unity. Britain had also maintained, with success, relations with neutrals. Her obligations in this war than in the last because there were more neutrals.—British Wireless.



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GESTAPO AND MUNICH BOMB

New York, Nov. 10.

A NEW YORK NEWSPAPER cartoon to-day pictures the Munich beer-hall incident as an explosion of a bottle of home-brewed beer labelled "Internal Dissension."

This is the almost universally accepted explanation in this country of the attempted assassination of Hitler and his principal lieutenants. The assertions in the German Press that the British Secret Service or other foreign agents were responsible for the explosion have aroused only derision among Americans.

Miss Dorothy Thompson wrote to-day:—

To smuggle a time-bomb into the Munich beer hall is about as difficult as smuggling one into Hitler's eagle's nest above Berchtesgaden. Any place where the Nazi inner clique foregather with their Fuehrer is guarded in every conceivable way. Whoever placed that bomb must have been absolutely persona grata with the Gestapo.

Although among the public there was some tendency at first to say that the explosion came 11 minutes too late, or that "for once Hitler made too short a speech," serious-minded people generally are glad that the attempt at assassination was not successful.

Hitlerism The Enemy

The "New York Herald Tribune" quotes Rauschning's reference to "the convinced Nazi who thought it possible that 'at some critical turning-point in the national history the Leader might be more deliriously effective if he were dead,'" and goes on to say, "The assassination of Hitler is not the way to end Hitlerism." Asking, "Who knows what might have followed the killing of Hitler?" the newspaper says: "It is almost terrible to think of the worldwide and appalling hates which this one man has concentrated upon himself. But it is not

the end of Hitler which great nations are now fighting for; it is the end of Hitlerism, which is something else." If the bomb had taken Hitler, and with him the other leaders of his party, "it would not have destroyed the colossal Nazi oligarchy which he has fastened upon Germans. It would have deprived it of his fanatically forceful shrewdness, and might have racked it with a struggle for the succession; but it might easily have endowed his policies and peculiar principles with the sanctity of martyrdom."

The "New York Times," after pointing out, like Miss Thompson, the impossibility of anyone getting explosives and placing them in "a building better guarded than a national mint," except with the "active participation, not only of Germans who are intimately familiar with every step in the processes of Nazi officialdom, but of Germans who are in a position to give important orders and to cancel them," says: "Unless we assume that Hitler himself planned this extraordinary affair . . . there is no possible explanation of the explosion in the Burgerbrau which does not imply at the very least the existence of a clique or a faction within the Nazi Party willing to deal in treason."



"With the British Troops in France." A party of Tommies out for an afternoon stroll. (Crown Copyright Reserved).

Air Wardens Strike

At Leeds numbers of air-raid wardens have refused to go on duty during the night as a protest against an official instruction that they must not warn householders to screen lights during the black-out, but must inform the police.

"Maginot Line" Boaster

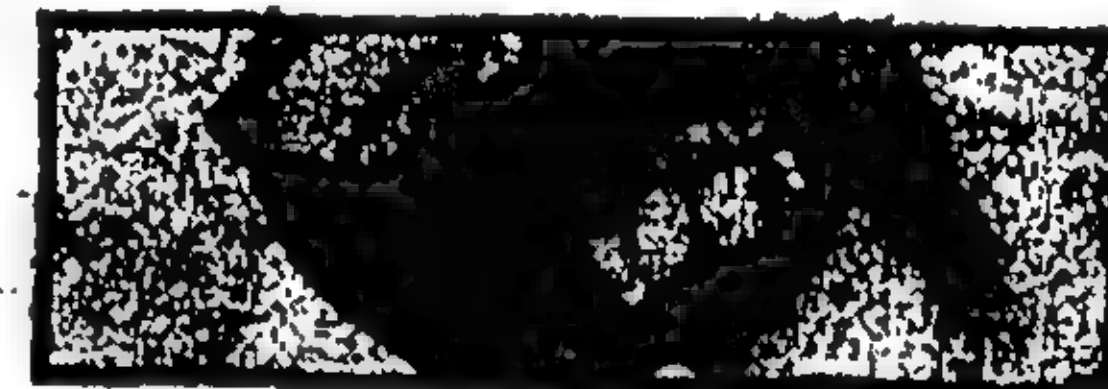
Hyman Diamond, 35, of Pakenham-road, Edgbaston, who was alleged to have boasted in a club of having been in action on the Maginot Line, was fined a total of £50, with £14 16s 6d costs, at Birmingham. He was charged with offences under the Defence Regulations.

Not So Romantic

Hollywood's loveliest stars are holding indignation meetings, and the subject is—KISSES.

They complain that if photographers are to insist on shooting scenes twenty or thirty times all men stars will have to be clean-shaven. The first few kisses may be just a pleasant tickle, but by the twentieth or so a toothbrush moustache may even draw blood.

Latest victim to complain is Patricia Morison, reason being Lloyd Nolan's moustache.



Years back Mae Murray made the same complaint about John Gilbert's moustache and threatened to strike. But he kept the moustache.

Pay Penny A Week —

And See Films Free

Old age pensioners at Welling, Kent, have formed a penny-a-week club to further their joint interests. An energetic committee is out to secure for its members free entertainment, which, until now, has had to be met out of meagre incomes.

Local cinemas have donated free seats each week. Most hair-dressers have agreed to reduce their prices for hair cuts and shaves.

Ultimately, it is hoped that even publicans will be persuaded to sell a cut-price glass of beer.

Builders have been approached to help the cause by erecting something "cheap and cheerful" as a head-quarters.

And there is every hope that in this, as in other things, the veterans will have their way.

Scotland Yard have issued a supplement to all Metropolitan police stations containing over 200 photographs and descriptions of members of the I.R.A.

Glasgow Licensing Authorities have decided to close public houses at 8 instead of 10 p.m.

Railway companies have promised to put on such extra passenger trains as working conditions permit.

The Ministry of National Security has started an enquiry into the relieving of the intense blackout on the roads.



H.M. the Queen on Nov. 9 visited evacuee children from Battersea, London, now in a Sussex village. Photo shows the Queen chatting to one of the boys who are learning how to grow food on allotments. (Air Mail).

Presented From Court

Wife at Willesden: My husband doesn't live with me. He just comes round to meals.

When we saw the police officers we decided to move on as it was becoming very warm.—Street bookmaker at Willesden.

Man at Willesden: My wife has always thought that I don't earn enough money.

Man at Tottenham: My wife seemed to be in a friendly mood. She didn't say a word to me all the evening.

When I saw him having a friendly chat with the policeman at the corner of our road I hoped he was going to turn over a new leaf.—Wife at Tottenham.

The tripartite monetary agreement between Great Britain, France and the United States will stand, Mr. Morgenthau, Secretary to the U.S. Treasury, has announced.

The Committee of the Pedestrians' Association are making suggestions to the Government to solve some of the difficulties created by the war time lighting.

The Ministry of Agriculture announced that there are 60,000 privately owned tractors in Britain in addition to the Government's reserve. All will be used in the Ministry's ambitious programme to do four years' ploughing in twelve months.

Conservative Party Associations have been urged by the Chairman to keep in being throughout the war, for national and not for party work.

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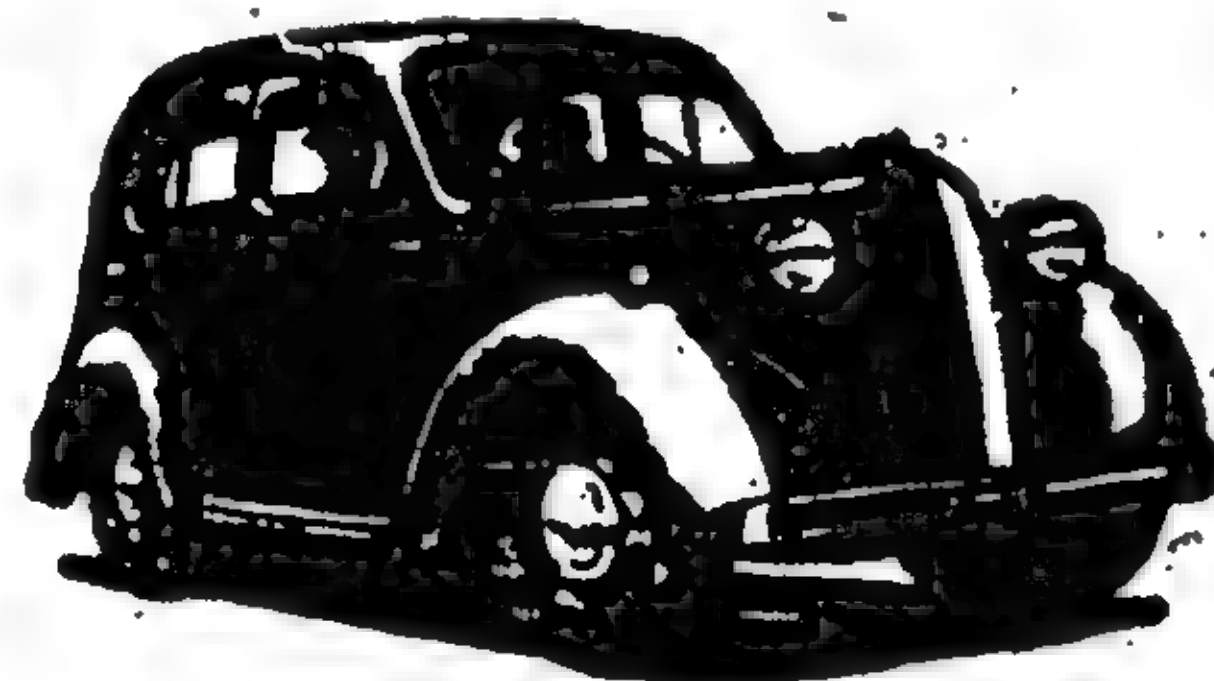
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SHORT STORY

"FOOL-PROOF" By Frank H. Shaw

MARRYING a wealthy wife Charles Beeston discovered had drawbacks. Being of a coldly calculating nature, he had been prepared for some, but not quite so many as actually transpired. Mrs. Beeston's inordinate jealousy was, perhaps, the most outstanding drawback of them all. There was a possessiveness about her that aggravated; for she was considerably older than her husband, and what good looks she had once possessed were now little better than shadowy ruins of a distant past.

Beeston had an appreciative eye for a pretty, piquant face, too. Yet if he so much as allowed his roving eyes to rest for a perceptible minute on peach-bloom cheeks and dancing eyes, he was invariably brought to task with the utmost severity. When he met Betty Truebridge he found such restraints intolerable, and made up his mind that his wife was in the way of his future enjoyment of life.

To remove her from a world which she no longer ornamented, however, called for very considerable tact and shrewdness. In the first place her own suspicions would not have to be aroused, however shadowy, for in his own right Charles Beeston was regrettably poor, with a chronic dislike for any form of endeavour which, it is popularly believed, sets poverty at bay. He was bone-idle, luxury-loving, and quite dead to all sense of shame. But Betty Truebridge was hardly the type of girl to marry such a pauper as he would be if his wife suspected his intentions and ruled him out of her will. Up to the present he believed himself Mrs. Beeston's sole beneficiary. She frequently referred to that fact, sometimes in a threatening manner, when he had offended her.

From the moment when Betty Truebridge flashed across his horizon he began to increase his attentions to his wife. He assured her that young charms made no appeal to him; that her sagacity, coupled with her delightful wit and her radiant charm, amply satisfied his desires. Mrs. Beeston glowed under his flattery.

In the second place, the law of the land took a curious view of wife-murder; and Charles Beeston was a physical coward. Consequently it was extremely necessary that his wife be removed from her present sphere without a single finger of suspicion being pointed at the bereaved spouse. But Charles did not make the mistake of buying books on medieval poisons, in case dusty booksellers remembered him as a fruitful customer. He announced to Laura—his wife—that, so far from being content to live on her bounty for ever, he intended to write a novel, involving intricate research.

"With a woman exactly like you, sweetheart, as heroine," he flattered. "I'll have to do a lot of reading at the Museum, of course." Laura flashed him a suspicious glance. Men made excuses to be relieved of their wives' too-frequent companionship, and spent the leisure thus won in riotous living.

"Why not help me in my researches?" Charles asked disarmingly. And Laura did help for some time, until satisfied that he was seriously engaged. By slow degrees Charles altered the type of volume borrowed from the shelves, until he flattered himself that he had gleaned as much abstruse information as he needed for his purpose. He grew familiar with black lettering, with alchemical symbols and forecasts; and as he had a memory like a sensitised plate, everything he read remained with him.

Laura preferred to read the chapters of the book as they were written, so that she could offer comments, and Charles welcomed her assistance. His heroine was recognisable as Laura, if Laura had been more like Betty than she actually was; but Laura was flattered.

"Do you really care for me as much as this?" she asked coquettishly, after perusing a particularly sticky chapter.

"My darling, I'm only an amateur at expressing myself, and that doesn't do justice to the subject," he said,

thinking that if two apparently harmless elements were mixed in the correct proportions—according to Lucrezia Borgia, of blessed memory—a deadly poison which left symptoms similar to heart-failure could be fabricated.

"How sweet!" Laura cooed. "But I do hope you aren't overworking, Charles. You look tired, I sometimes think; and I've been wondering if a change wouldn't do you good."

"What sort of a change?" he asked. "Some foreign travel," she suggested. "I've plenty of money in hand, and we can well afford to have a thoroughly good time together."

That meant, to be sure, that he would have no opportunities of seeing Betty; but Betty had already convinced him that she was not averse from his admiration. He had begun to feel pretty certain, without definite word spoken, that, when he had plenty of money, Betty would smile still more languorously upon him.

"When I've finished the book, do you mean?" he asked.

She smoothed his furrowed brow with hands that held a touch of real affection.

"Why not right away?" she suggested very amiably. "After all—what's a book?"

"My protest against dependence," he smiled. Foreign doctors and officials would hardly be likely to make such intricate enquiries as the suspicious people at home do when rich women die. It so often happens that wealthy women's deaths give rise to gossip that ends in police proceedings. Especially when their widowers are still youngish and eligible. "Of course," Charles Beeston added, taking her caressing hands in his and kissing them, "I might pick up some new, some really interesting atmosphere."

It was therefore decided that they should go abroad. At once a restlessness possessed Mrs. Beeston; she would not be content until things were instantly set in train. There was a magnificence about her preparations that appealed to Charles' luxury-loving nature. She was lavish, she was unstinting. Once or twice he had been required—it made his gorge rise—to ask her for money; but now, with the idea fretting in her mind, she forestalled all his desires.

The notion of a luxury cruise round the world at first appealed to her—but ship's surgeons are often very clever men, Charles remembered; and with nothing much to occupy themselves, since holiday-makers are notoriously healthy, they might display a far too complicated interest in any death coming under their notice. One advantage of a cruise was, certainly, that the sea does not permit of exhumations. But on the whole it seemed to him best that his wife should die decently in a bed ashore; and since his was a twisted nature, he glowingly dilated on the mirth, the dancing, the happy youth that were associated with this type of holiday-making.

"One gets to know so many people so well in so short a time, my dear," he offered. "It must be the limited space, I suppose. You can't get away from people and so you learn to make the best of them and find they are really likeable. I remember that Swallow—you remember him?—met his wife on a cruise; she was quite young and charming. And Truebody, too—but then that was different."

"His divorce resulted from a cruise," said Mrs. Beeston. "I should prefer, I think, a wandering holiday ashore. We might go across Europe; see Vienna and the Dalmatian Coast; we could winter in the Aegean."

Beeston thrilled with quiet enthusiasm. The farther East they went in their peregrinations the less the likelihood of suspicious, skilled attention. The more probable the idea that even disciples of Aesculapius might be susceptible to bribes—if necessary. Only if necessary, however; he had no wish to waste money that might much more profitably be spent on his own per-

sonal satisfaction.

"If you think you could stand the fatigue of travel in that way, it would be splendid," he agreed. "After all, on a cruise, one only meets one's own sort of people, and my wish is to study foreign types and habits."

"I can stand any amount of fatigue," his wife said, rather firmly, as if defying his hint that her age might prove a handicap.

So it was arranged. Under the excuse of making further provision for her comfort, Charles slipped up to town, and saw Betty. It was a perfectly satisfactory interview, for though Betty did mention that Soames Bayliss had taken her about a good deal—and Soames was a man of considerable means—she presently forgot to talk about him and listened intently to what Charles had to say.

"So long as you don't ask me ever to be a poor man's wife," she said. Charles fervently promised that he would never insult her to that extent, hinted at possible miracles, and they parted the best of friends.

Mrs. Beeston enjoyed the first weeks of her holiday. A mood of extravagance possessed her. Nothing but the best would suit her whim. It was as if she were determined to buy all life's pleasures in one abounding heap. Charles felt uneasily on one or two occasions that she might have a premonition that this was to be her final extravagance; as if the shadow of death were already brushing her soul. Yet she had never displayed any uncanny intuition, nor had she often questioned his thoughts in a disconcerting way.

It was in Vienna that he bought the first element of the fatal mixture. He had carefully written down the Latin symbols—Latin being the universal language in so far as the practice of medicine is concerned; and the high-foreheaded chemist nodded sapiently.

"An excellent tonic," he observed in laboured English. "Not often used to-day, but some old-fashioned prescriptions were not to be ignored." The cost of the drug was considerable, but never had Charles parted with money more cheerfully.

He purchased the other component in Athens. He thought he had himself perfectly in control; but when the Greek chemist peered at him through powerfully magnifying spectacles, his heart for a brief instant stood quite still in his breast. It was an unusual drug, certainly; but his researches had shown him that it had no injurious qualities in itself.

"It is seldom that an English asks for that specific," the chemist said. "Fortunately, I carry a stock," Charles breathed freely again, paid his account, and rejoined his wife who had been watching the vivid crowds in the street. "It's something to keep the wretched flies away," he explained to her, having also bought an aromatic oil used for that commendable purpose.

"You are always so kind, dearest," she cooed. "The flies are a nuisance; but isn't that man in petticoat trousers picturesque?"

"That's a mighty pretty girl with him," Charles said unthinkingly; and his wife bit her lip and suggested visiting some more classical ruins.

"All right!" Charles thought viciously, fondling the small phial in his pocket. "All right!"

According to the medieval experts, the potion was best administered in wine; and Mrs. Beeston had no aversion from the thick, somewhat unctuous mastika which is the wine of Greece. But Charles was cautious. He put only a small quantity of the mixture in the first glass of wine he offered his wife. Luceria Borgia advised that course. A small dose would bring on minor symptoms which could be described to a later-visiting physician by the patient herself. A very valuable alibi!

"I like this wine," Mrs. Beeston approved. But next morning she wasn't quite sure that the wine had exactly agreed with her. To take her mind off a numbness in one arm and a slight

pain which she averred was indigestion, she insisted on making an expensive shopping tour. She grew fascinated by embroideries in gold in native workmanship whose prices made Charles purse his lips. The excitement of such buying tired her, and she complained of a fluttering in her breast.

"I wonder if these foreign doctors are to be trusted?" said Charles with the utmost consideration.

"I think there is quite a famous German doctor practising here," Mrs. Beeston answered. "I really believe I would like to see him, darling." Charles went to the manager of their de luxe hotel and asked questions. The manager tapped his nose, and hinted that the foreign medico was reputed to have left his native Berlin under a slight cloud.

"All the better," Charles thought, and arranged for a visit. Men under clouds are easier to handle than those of unblemished character. He was neglecting not a single precaution, so that the result might leave no hint of suspicion in anyone's mind. If anything he was too elaborate.

"I think it may be trifling, but it might be as well to be very careful," diagnosed the doctor when he arrived. To Charles, outside the suite, he said:

"I do not wish to alarm you, but your lady's symptoms are disconcerting." Charles felt a glow of satisfaction permeate him. It was the pride of the true artist as a master-piece neared completion. "Has she been to heart-attacks?" he was asked; and was truthfully able to reply in the negative.

"I will cause the chemist to send a palliative," said the doctor labouredly. But Charles got that palliative first and added to it a little more of his own concoction. He felt no compunction, although in her altered state of health, his wife's affection shewn towards him increased. She looked even older than her years; and by contrast his remembrance of Betty glowed with a suggestion of abounding youth.

It was only after his wife died that he felt cold and frightened. So long as a single breath of life was in her he did not consciously consider himself a murderer; but with her dead he had a twinge of conscience that was partly fear. He would not have been surprised if she had opened her eyes and shouted an accusation at him with others present in the room. As he moved about the streets he had a feeling that the swaggering police were evincing an inordinate interest in him. If steps sounded behind, he shivered slightly, expecting an accusing hand to be laid on his shoulder.

"Nerves!" he thought, and tasted salt blood on his lips where he had bitten them. But he need not have fretted. The German doctor was quite content to return a certificate; and at the semi-formal enquiry into Laura Beeston's death—the British Consul being present—he related how he had been first called in to advise on a case of unquestionably progressive heart-disease. The symptoms he described tallied to a hair with those Charles had committed to memory. It was all most satisfactory. The Consul, sympathising with Charles' quiet, self-controlled grief, said that so far as he was concerned, there was not the slightest objection to cremation, since Laura had expressed a death-bed wish that what was mortal of her should lie in English earth.

Even so, when Charles started for home with the accompanying casket, he was not sure—he was not sure. There was not a great deal of Laura's stock of cash remaining, after all details had been attended to; and the shopkeepers from whom she had bought so lavishly quite refused to repurchase her extravagances at anything other than a thieving price. Moreover, Laura's solicitor, apprised by cable of her death, did not reply to Charles' hint that a sum of money should be forwarded to him to cover expenses. But it was not the temporary shortage of cash that perturbed

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THANK GOODNESS WE CAN STILL GRUMBLE!

Many years ago I found myself in a German train with two American ladies whose personal luggage had unfortunately gone astray. I had never before realised that grumbling could be so bitter or so sustained.

The lamentations of these two ladies filled the air and they refused to be comforted. All Europeans, especially railway officials, were flayed as in-

competent and slow-witted. The new world angrily told the old world precisely where to get off. The wailing ended, however, when one of them remarked to the other, "Sadie, if I live to get back home in little old New York, I'll never grumble any more."

I have often wondered why so devoted and accomplished a grumbler should so hastily have condemned herself to a life of misery; for it was clear that she loved her grievances and that the sound of her own complaining voice was as music in her ears. If she faithfully kept her word she without any doubt deprived herself of one of the greatest pleasures of her life.

Why is the world so full of grumblers? Lord Halifax in his recent broadcast said that "the right to grumble is almost traditional with the British people, who do it supremely well." Of course they do. Grumbling is one of their cheapest luxuries, and they,

BY LORD SNELL,

formerly farm labourer, groom, ferryman, potman, clerk; Labour M. P. for East Woolwich, 1922-31, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, India Office, 1931; Chairman of the L. C. C., 1934-8; now leader of the Labour Party in the House of Lords.

do not stint themselves. Their undeniable competence at it has acquired an international reputation.

"John Bull," said Washington Irving, "is the most punctual and discontented paymaster in the world; drawing his coin from his breeches pocket with infinite reluctance, paying to the utmost farthing, but accompanying every guinea with a curse." This, of course, referred to our

fathers, but if anyone thinks that we have lost their complaining quality, let him ask Sir John Simon!

CHEAPER THAN MEDICINE

Half of the joy of our lives would disappear if we could not grumble. I know people to whom it is as butter and honey in their mouths. Quite a number of them appear to have no other occupation, and their lives are neatly divided between abuse of the Labour Party and a painful struggle with cross-word puzzles.

I am myself a practised grumbler, but there is never any puzzle about my cross-words. They are, on the contrary, as obvious and as unpleasant as a black-out, and I believe that a prolonged and honest-to-God grumble does me more good than the sweetest music. Cheaper than medicine, it is also more effective. Was it not W. S. Gilbert who said: "Oh don't the days seem lank and long."

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FOOL-PROOF

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Charles Beeston; it was the feeling of dull horror that grew in his heart. Instead of getting easier it became more pronounced, and it broke into his sleep. He was a murderer. There was no fear of detection; he was as safe as if Laura had died quite naturally, but—but—he was a murderer, feeling tempted to fly even when there was no terror of pursuit.

But, he consoled himself, Betty would solace this fret of spirit. He tried to work up an enthusiasm for the coming meeting. He had taken the precaution of sending no message to her, either directly or indirectly, in case it was revealed to arouse suspicion. But Betty would understand.

He tried to get her by 'phone on his arrival in London; but was told she was out of town; her maid thought she was making holiday in Wales. Charles went to see his dead wife's solicitor at the earliest opportunity. He went into minute particulars of the tragedy, to which the lawyer listened with pursed lips and brooding eyes.

"Well, it's a pity; it's a great pity," he said when the story was told.

"And—er—her will?" asked Charles.

"Yes, yes—there's her will. Of course, she explained to you how she was situated?"

"Very comfortably, very comfortably indeed," said the widower, with a slight purr in his voice. One thing was certain: there would be no hitch in the will which Laura had made soon after their marriage and certainly had not altered since. As a prospector, after endless years of futile seeking, at last strikes pay-ore and draws in a deep breath of contentment, so did Charles Beeston draw in a deep breath.

"Eh?" he presently gasped.

"Your wife's entire means were comprised in an annuity which died with her, of course. Didn't you know? And she overdrew on the strength of this annuity for the holiday which ended so tragically," the lawyer said. "As a matter of fact, her estate is in debt to us; we felt she would live for some time yet. No, beyond oddments, there is actually nothing."

Charles went to his lonely home, where every room seemed haunted by Laura's presence—disconcertingly so. He was a pauper, and he was a murderer. But he wrote to Betty and told her that she owed him the solace of her present companionship. Betty wrote back to say she was marrying Soames Bayliss quietly on the day he would receive the letter, and she blamed Charles for annoying her. Some little while later a Harley-street specialist rang him up.

He had, it appeared, heard from the lawyer, of Laura's death. He wished to condole with Charles.

"Though I'd expected her to last another year at least," he said.

"How do you mean—another year?" asked Charles, his voice somewhat out of control. The Harley-street man explained. Laura had seen him some six months before her death. She was suffering from a complaint that must inevitably prove fatal; no human power could save her.

"She was a brave woman if she never told you," said the specialist.

"No," said Charles weakly, "she never so much as hinted at it." The hand with which he hung up the receiver was cold and clammy. He had just fancied he heard Laura's step in the passage outside the room.



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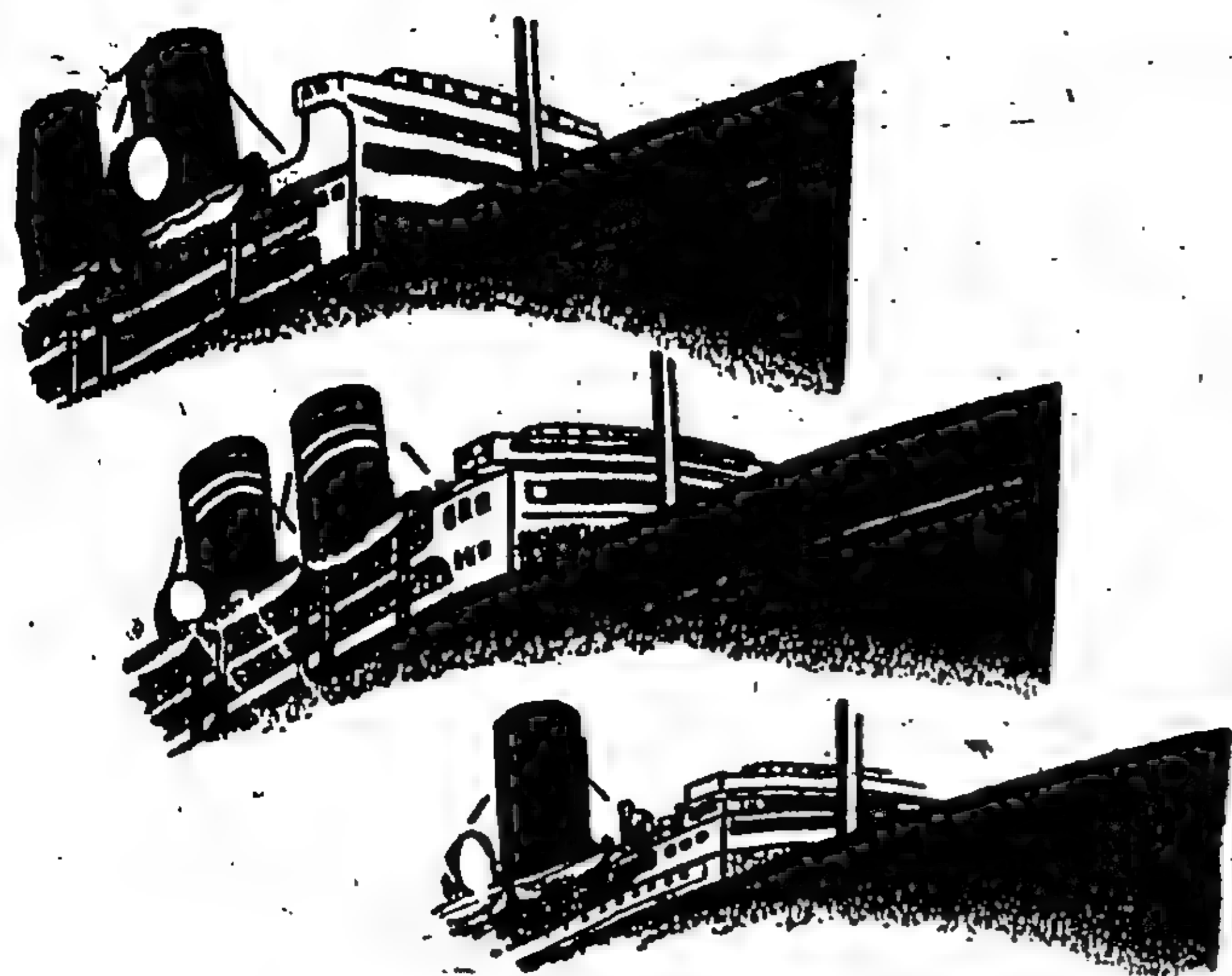
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Shanghai	Dec. 3, 9.00 a.m.	
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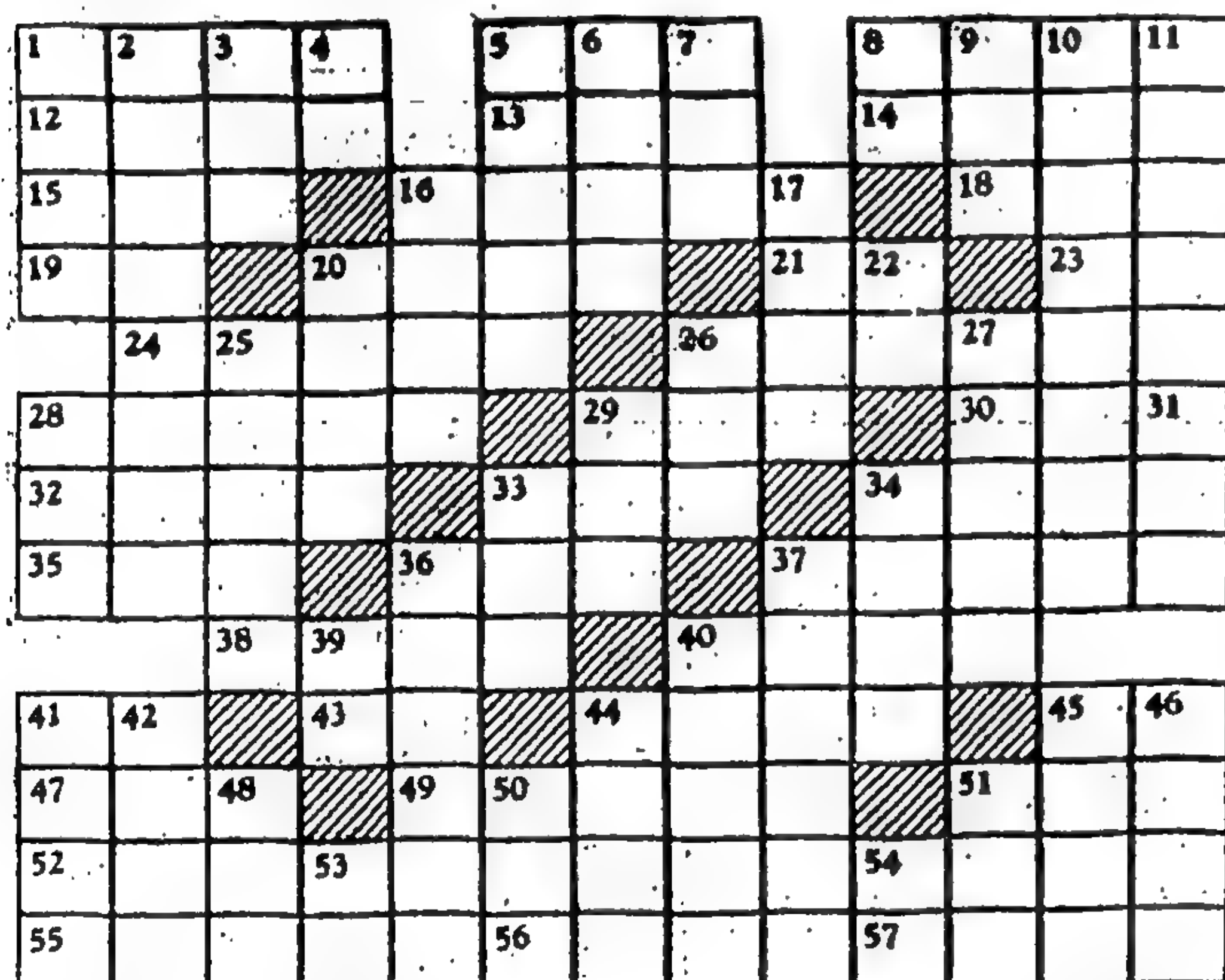
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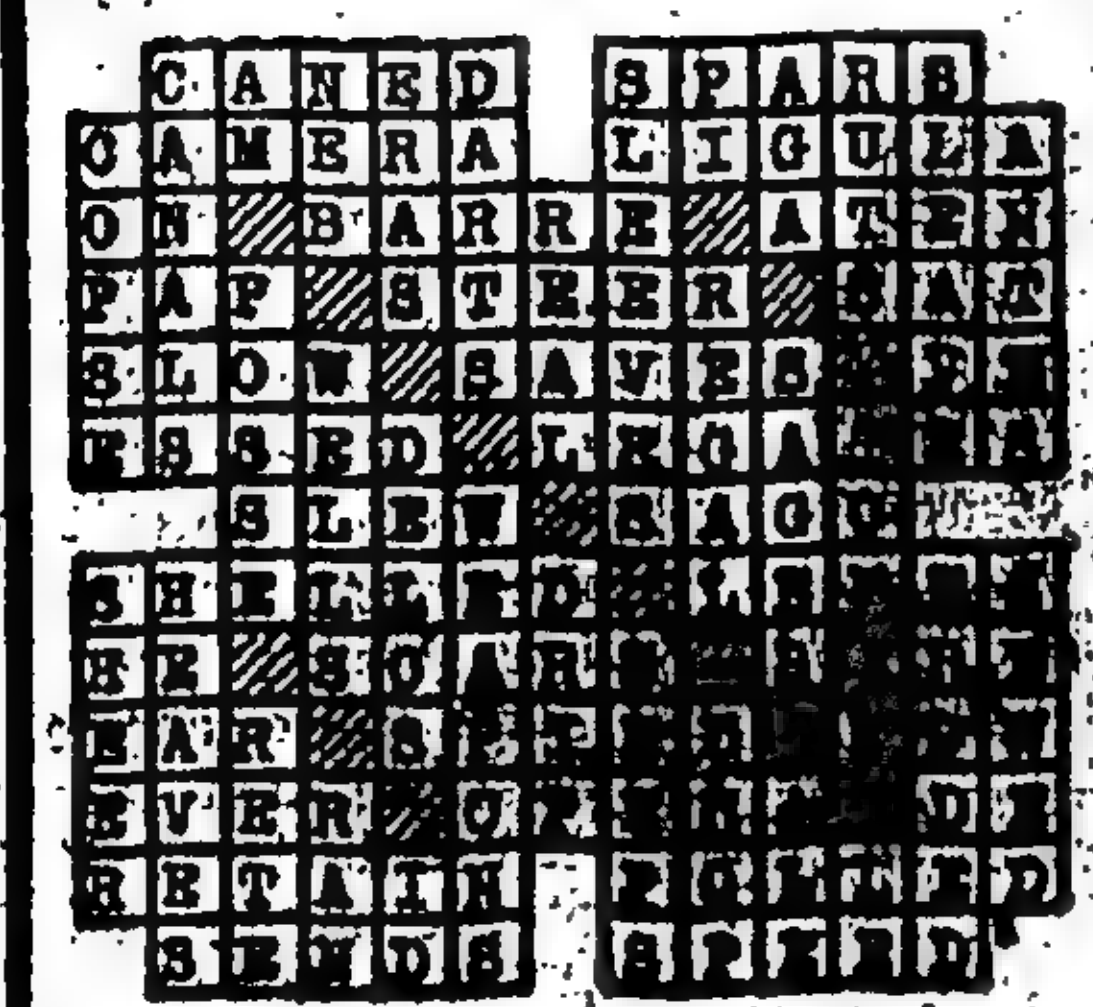
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 8 Nobleman
 12 Heraldic
 bearing
 13 Silkworm
 14 Roof edge
 15 Period of
 time
 16 Wise men
 18 Hastened
 19 Pronoun
 20 Singing voice
 21 Preposition
 23 Japanese
 drama
 24 Backs of
 necks
 26 Glut
 28 Spirited
 horse
 29 Drink with
 tongue
 30 Residue
 32 Purifies
 33 Candle
 34 Keen
 35 201
 36 Trim
 37 Sounder
 38 Spirit
 40 Captures
 41 Note of scale
 43 The same
 (abbr.)

44 Hews
 45 Mystic
 ejaculation
 47 Palm-leaf
 49 Soon
 51 Hawaiian
 pepper
 52 Restored
 55 College
 official
 56 Golf mound
 57 Female horse

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 1 Rove
 2 Silvery white
 3 French for
 "island"
 4 French
 article
 5 Pounds
 6 Jason's ship
 7 Expire
 8 Hebrew
 letter
 9 Part of head

10 Disappear
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 11 Nevada city
 16 Winter
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 17 Halt
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 22 Conjunction
 25 Eagle's nest
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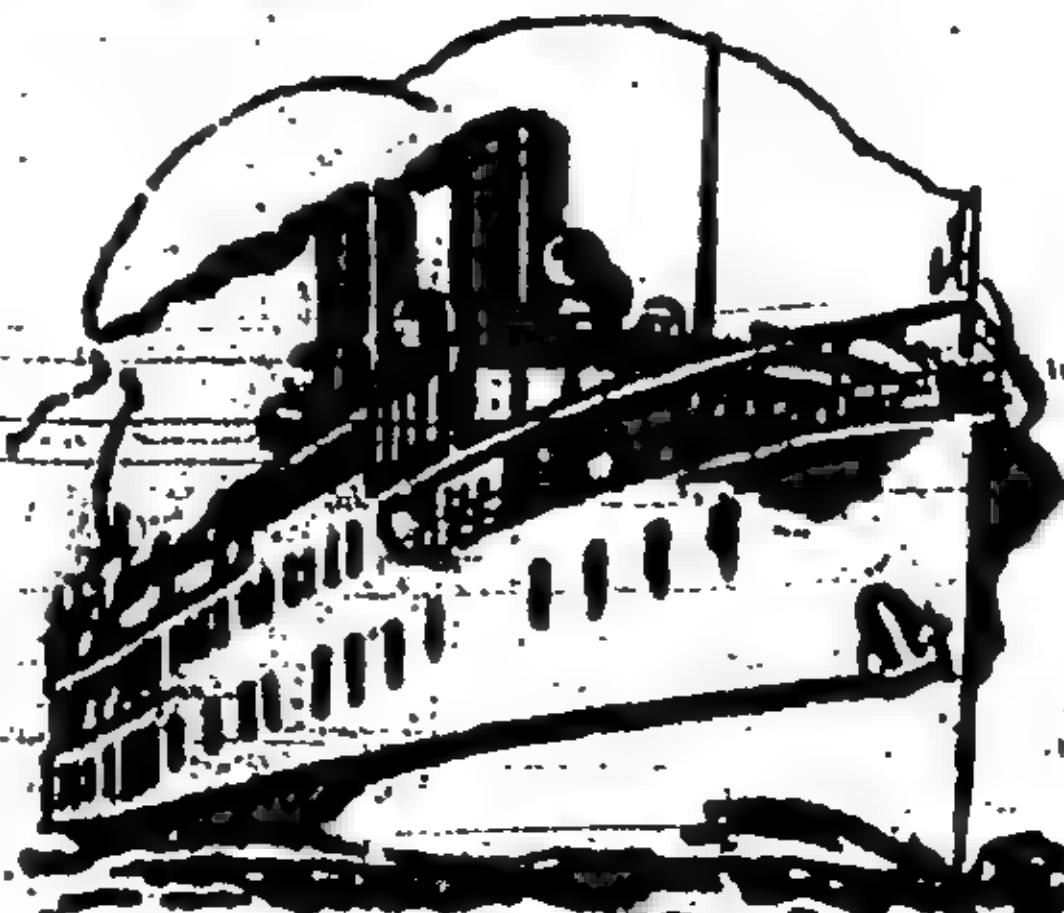
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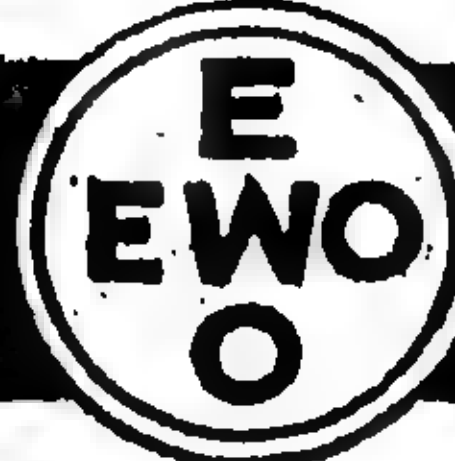
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THANK GOODNESS WE CAN STILL GRUMBLE!

(Continued from Page 17)

When all goes right and nothing goes wrong?

And isn't your life extremely flat With nothing at all to grumble at?"

In addition to its therapeutic value, grumbling is a form of self-confession. It enables us to condemn others for not possessing the qualities that we ourselves lack, and to require from them standards of perfection that we personally cannot reach.

On the other hand, the grumbler often renders a valuable service to the person criticised. We all tend to take the line of least resistance and to grow satisfied with what is our second best: the grumbler often goads us to meet the criticism by putting into our task all our strength, when both the community and ourselves are benefited.

The grumbler may also render other services. He may draw attention to social inequalities that can be removed, and in moments of crisis such as when we miss a train, he can comfort us by saying exactly what we feel.

But the grumbler is not always inspired and he sometimes tires me. Take, for example, his perpetual complaints concerning the weather. The English climate, which is one of the best in the world, receives from him the shabbiest treatment. Yet what has he to grumble at? It never reaches extremes of either heat or cold, its equable rainfall ensures that our rivers never run dry. There is also nothing monotonous about it. We can prophesy anything we like concerning it, and it does not let us down—for long. What does the grumbler know about climates who only England knows?

Existing conditions, however, provide the grumbler with the opportunity of a life-time. The material to his hand is overwhelming. There are the faults of the Government and the Opposition. Then there are the black-out, the petrol restrictions and the ration cards. The income tax reduces him to angry incoherence and control is a bureaucratic outrage.

MAKES OTHERS MISERABLE

This type of grumbler is the world's Number One Nuisance. He seems to desire to make others as miserable as himself. Yet I would not be without him. He unpacks his heart of words, and with curses loud and deep he often says what I feel in words which my impoverished vocabulary cannot command.

The chronic grumbler is usually his own worst enemy, for he lives in a self-inflicted twilight. Not for him are the unrestrained delights of gay and spacious hours, or the thrills of generous approval. But he provides for each of us an illustration of what, unless we guard against it, we may

become—a grumbler.

For most of us there happily exists a middle pathway between the all good and the very bad, down which we can walk with helpfulness and appreciation.

"That man, I trow, is doubly curst Who out of the best doth make the worst;

And he, I'm sure, is doubly blest Who of the worst can make the best:

To sit and sorrow and complain Is adding folly to our pain."

GOLF CLUB STARTING TIMES

SUNDAY

Old Course

9.15 a.m.	A. K. Mackenzie, D. J. Gilmore.
9.20	D. S. Edward, D. S. Robb.
9.25	T. A. Pearce, G. C. Worrall.
9.30	A. E. Lissaman, J. T. Smith.
9.35	F. D. Hunter, A. McKellar.
9.40	Col. Rose, G. M. Park.
9.45	W. W. C. Shewan, L. R. Andrews.
9.50	Surg. Cdr. Nicholson, R. Young.
9.52	H. H. Mundy, J. W. Clague.
9.56	P. E. Annis, Comdr. Murray.
10.00	S. H. Dodwell, T. E. Pearce.
10.04	Comdr. Hole, C. C. Stark.
10.08	R. J. K. Walker, P. C. Jackson.
10.12	L. M. Wylie, A. Kennedy.
10.16	T. Low, I. P. Tamworth.
10.20	H. M. Rowland, E. J. Faggiano.
10.24	R. C. Stewart, F. A. M. Elliott.
10.28	M. A. Annett, J. B. Harrison.
10.32	A. V. Greaves, J. W. Mayhew.
10.36	M. Pollock, E. Norris.
10.40	W. J. E. Mackenzie, H. Overy.
10.44	L. R. Cramer, W. G. Robertson.
10.48	A. N. and Q. A. A. Macfadyen.
10.52	J. C. Brown, L. Jackson.
10.56	T. Megarry, D. M. MacDougall.
11.00	J. M. Pearson, E. G. Price.
11.04	F. A. Redmond, A. B. Purves.
11.08	W. Woodward, A. Nicol.
11.12	S. T. Butlin, W. L. Alexander.
11.16	H. J. Armstrong, H. G. Sheldon.
11.20	A. M. Mack, M. G. Carruthers.
11.24	R. G. Everest, H. F. Phillips.
11.28	J. Stenersen, F. Groves.

New Course

9.20 a.m.	J. Linaker*, H. J. D. Lowe*.
9.24	M. D. Cooper*, F. A. Howard*.
9.32	N. K. Littlejohn*, J. G. Campbell*.
9.40	P. S. Delany*, E. T. McMullen*.
9.48	Mrs. Selby, Miss Cuthbertson.
9.52	Mrs. Goldman, Miss Blackburn.
10.00	Mrs. Mackenzie, Mrs. Hunter.
10.08	D. D. Forbes, D. L. Strellett.
10.16	W. N. A. and Mrs. Smalley.
10.24	Mrs. R. C. Stewart, Mrs. Steele Perkins.
10.32	Mrs. Dennis, Mrs. Collings.
10.40	Mrs. Mackenzie, Mrs. Overy.
10.44	Mrs. Cramer, Mrs. Robertson.
10.52	Sir Vandeleur and Miss Grayburn.
10.56	F. B. Winter, Miss Vickers.
11.00	F. C. Young*, W. Bastin*.
11.08	Mrs. Woodward, Mrs. Nicol.
11.16	Capt. MacPherson, Capt. Harvey.
11.20	Capt. Helby, Major Archer.
11.28	Capt. Tracey, Capt. Warrack.
11.32	Capt. Hyde, Capt. Brown.

* Unsuccessful in ballot on Old Course.

ARMY CAN CLAIM A.R.P. MEN

Sir John Anderson, Home Secretary and Minister for Home Security, cannot guarantee that key men in the A.R.P. services will be exempt from military service.

He told this to a private meeting at the House of Commons of the A.R.P. Committee of M.P.s, when a member suggested it would be unsatisfactory if decontamination men, who must be fit, young and fully trained, were taken into the Army and their services lost.

The same applied to men in telephone control rooms.

Sir John replied that, unfortunately, the Army would have to take that type of man, and we should have to train others gradually to take their places.

TO-DAY'S STRANGE STORY OF REAL PEOPLE

THE MAYERLING TRAGEDY

By VINCENT TOWNE

All of the hopes of Franz Josef, when Emperor of Austria-Hungary, were centred in his only son, the Crown Prince Rudolf. This promising young man was married to the Princess Stephanie, daughter of Leopold II, King of the Belgians, but the union was unhappy. Rudolf was of a lively disposition, carefree, dashing and fond of adventure, while his wife was moody, sullen and jealous. Thus were supplied two points of the "eternal triangle." The woman in the case was the beautiful, young and wealthy Baroness Marie Vetsera, only 17 at the time.

For some time Princess Stephanie had wished a divorce, and Rudolf was willing to supply her with all of the legal grounds that she needed but his stern father, the Emperor, forbade such procedure. Rudolf like his cousin, the Grand Duke Johann Salvator, offered to relinquish all of his honours for the woman he loved—to give up his rights to the throne if he could but wed Marie Vetsera.

Rudolf arranged a gay houseparty late in January, 1889. The scene was the castle of Mayerling, 12 miles from Vienna. His beloved Marie was one of the guests. On the morning of January 30, one of Rudolf's servants entered his bedchamber in a hunting lodge on the castle grounds and beheld a scene which turned his blood cold. Before him the sole heir to the throne of Austria-Hungary lay dead. At first it was given out that the young Crown Prince during the night had died of apoplexy, but as he was only 30 and possessed of a magnificent physique, this story was not credited by medical men, and the suspicion became broadcast that the public was being deceived by the court bulletins.

Later, there was issued an announcement that Rudolf had committed



THE TRAGEDY OF MAYERLING.

ted suicide, and great excitement resulted. But a third shock was in store for the subjects of Franz Josef. There gradually leaked out the fact that the corpse of Baroness Marie Vetsera had been found with that of the Crown Prince.

Then followed a long list of conflicting theories as to the cause of the Mayerling tragedy. According to one story, Rudolf, during the gay house party at the castle, had told the Baroness of his father's refusal to allow his divorce and that she, unwilling to live without him, had killed herself. Some say that she left a note beseeching him to follow her into eternity, and that upon finding this he had covered her body with a pall of flowers, had lain upon the floor beside her couch and blown out his brains with an army pistol.

According to a further theory the lovers, as soon as they discovered their marriage was hopeless, had entered upon a suicide pact, that Rudolf agreed to shoot the Baroness between the shoulder blades and that he left a note explaining that he had placed the bullet where it would not "mar her beauty."

There was another story that Marie herself had shot Rudolf and had then taken poison. And it was further related that the Crown Prince while hunting had been shot by a peasant whom he had once subjected to cruelty, whereupon the Baroness Marie, upon seeing his body brought back to the castle, had committed suicide from grief.

Some time after the tragedy, a New York paper published evidence purporting to prove that Rudolf and his beloved Marie were living in voluntary exile in America under assumed names, and other papers have from time to time hinted that the story of the Mayerling tragedy had been a hoax designed to cover up a scandal and enable him to lose himself in foreign lands. Several times, it was reported that Rudolf had been seen in various parts of America. An author-

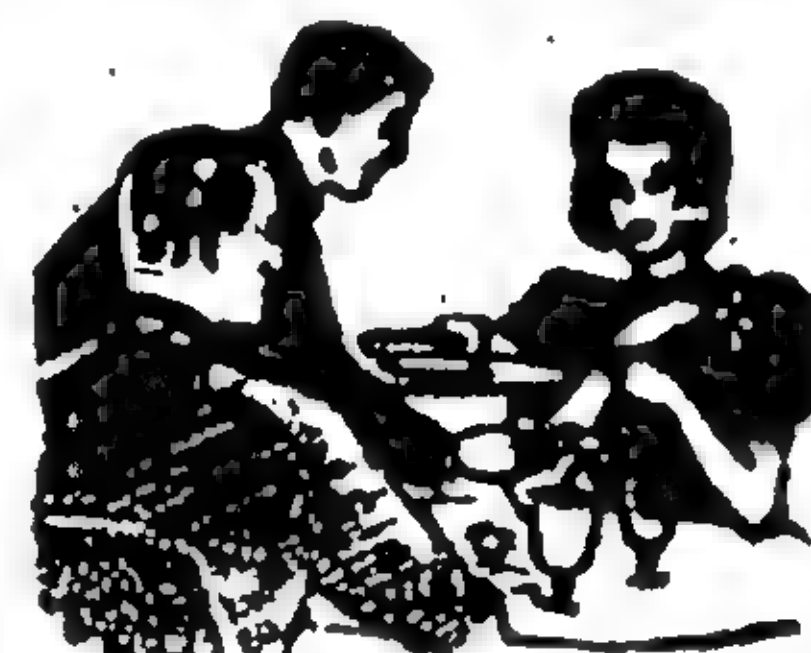
itative encyclopedia records its skepticism of the official account of his death by stating that he was "believed" to have taken his own life.

In 1937 a New York weekly maga-

zine published an article on the Mayerling mystery. The author quoted two persons' opinions that Rudolf and Marie were murdered by Rudolf's supposed friend, Philipp, Duke of Coburg. According to one informant the motive was politics. According to the other it was jealousy, the Duke, a widower at the time being Marie's fiancé.

This same article quoted a third informant's theory that the two lovers committed suicide on being informed that Marie Vetsera was a half-sister of Rudolf, Emperor Franz Josef being her father.

Crown Princess Stephanie, whom the Mayerling tragedy cheated out of the throne of Austria-Hungary, was known as "Europe's unhappiest Princess" during the next 17 years, and until her marriage in 1908 to Prince Elmer Von Lonyay. At her husband's 110-room castle on the Danube she told the Associated Press in November 1937 that she knew without question that Rudolf had committed suicide, she having viewed his body after the tragedy.



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LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-7/8. Silver was quoted at 23-1/2 for spot and 23-5/8 forward. The London on New York cross rate was quoted at 2—U.S.\$4.02 and New York on London at 2—U.S.\$3.83-3/4.

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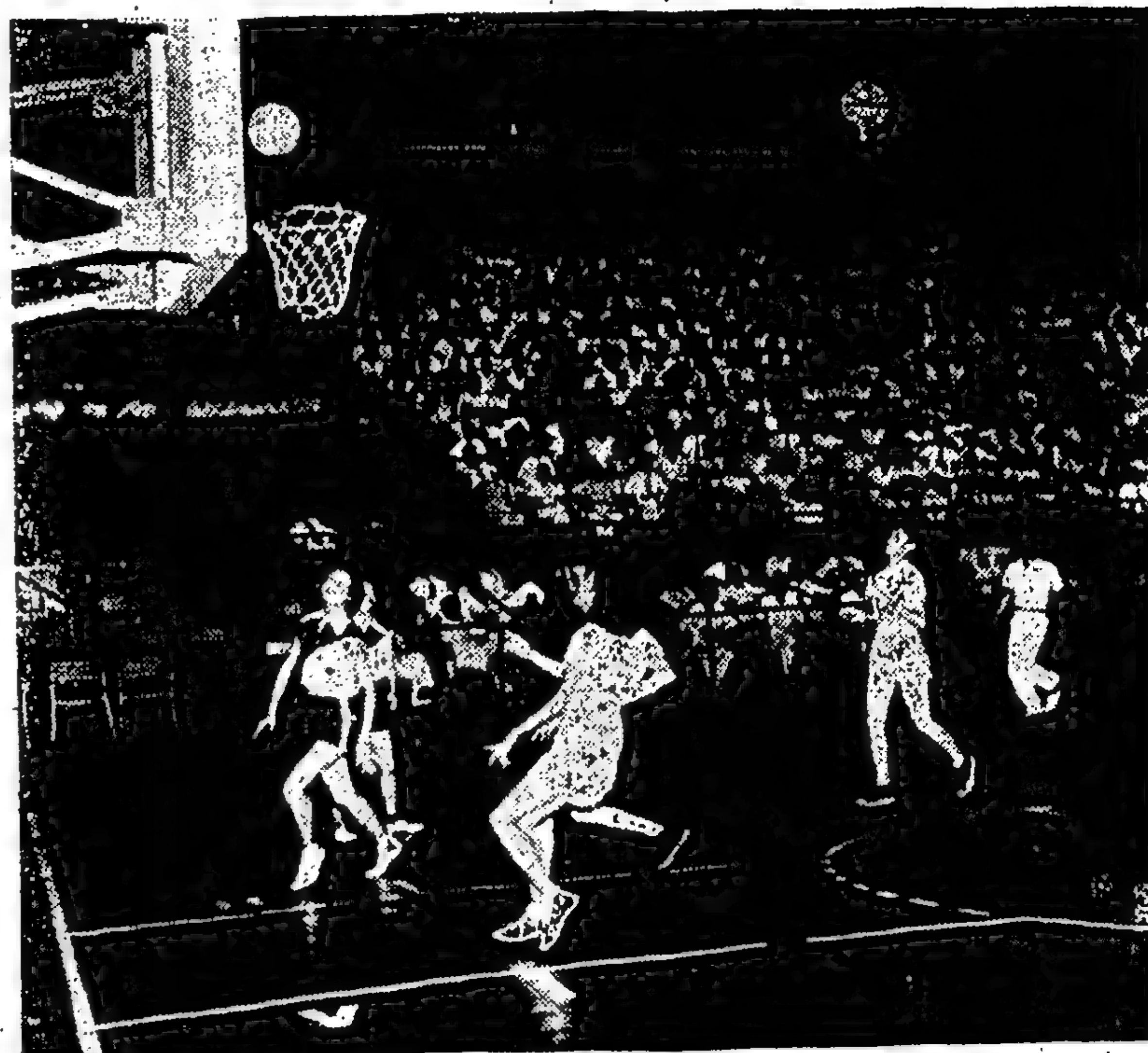
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Snapped during the match between the H. K. Chinese Girls' and Manila Central. Hong Kong won by 23 points to 14, Miss Lau Sau-kwong being prominent. (Photo by courtesy of the "Sing Tao Jih Pao").



Suffering their first defeat, Hong Kong Chinese Girls' were beaten 29 to 27 by the Manila Anglo-Chinese Team. Photo shows the scoring of the winning goal. (Photo by courtesy of the "Sing Tao Jih Pao").



An incident during the Inter-Regimental Polo competition last Monday.



The start of the match between the Hong Kong Chinese Girls' Basketball Team and the Manila Chinese Y.W.C.A., the former winning by 18 points to 17 with a last minute goal scored by Miss Dina Chen (in white blouse). (Photo by courtesy of the "Sing Tao Jih Pao").



Members of the Royal Scots Polo team which beat the Middlesex in the inter-regimental polo tournament on Monday by 12 goals to 6.

CLUB RUGBY CHANGES

(By "SCRUM HALF")

Henderson is playing full-back for Club in their Triangular Rugby Tournament game against Army at Sookunpoo. This change releases Bidwell for the centre threequarter berth, where he is likely to prove much more valuable,

and enables J. M. Thomson to make his debut for the first fifteen at scrum-half.

Cessford is down with malaria and Charter will be seen at fly-half in his place.

Thompson, who played in a "A" game recently, appears to be fit and has therefore been passed over.

With the exception of Cessford and Alec Taylor, both of whom will be badly missed, Club are at full strength, and Army will need to produce something extra if they are to win. With the talent available Club selectors have done a very good job.

The following are the Club teams, with the Triangular Tournament team numbered:

1st XV:—J. R. Henderson (22); D. H. Stewart (2); J. Hutchison (1); H. D. Bidwell (3) and D. I. Bosanquet (5); J. C. Charter (4) and J. M. Thomson (24); A. F. Walkden (13); (Captain), R. G. Castleton (25); E. W. Stout (29); E. A. Bompas (27); C. F. Needham (12); G. B. Godfrey (28); A. M. Kennedy (18) and W. B. Richardson (14).

"A" XV:—H. F. Hopkins; R. M. Lavalle; D. B. Nelson; F. M. Thompson and H. Van Leeuwen (Captain); B. C. Fay and E. C. Luscombe; R. E. Heasman; F. Burford; P. F. Wanklyn; B. Hynes; J. Roscoe; B. O'M. Deane; T. Swan and A. G. Dalziel.

Entries for Ladies Colony Tennis Championship close to-morrow.

"Y" LADIES' TEAMS

Following are "Y" Ladies teams for to-morrow's hockey:

1st XI v C.B.S. at C.B.S. at 3 p.m.

Miss Minnot; Mrs. Stone and Mrs. Strange; Miss M. McCaw; Mrs. Starbuck and Miss K. Pocock; Mrs. Burnett (captain), Miss Barker, Miss D. McCaw, Mrs. Gardner, and Miss Bockler.

2nd XI v C.B.A. (friendly) at King's Park at 3 p.m.

Mrs. Harrington; Mrs. Trimmer and Mrs. Grieve; Miss Dunne, Miss Stokes and Mrs. Ashman; Mrs. Bicknell, Miss Russell, Miss V. Bradbury (captain), Miss Buchanan and Mrs. Macklin.

K.C.C. Make Badminton League Debut At Home This Evening

Mixed Doubles Match With Recreio 'B'

QUITE A USEFUL TEAM IN THE MAKING

(By "ADREM")

"B" DIVISION of the local League Badminton season having started on Wednesday, this evening will see Mixed Doubles Division get under way. Only one match is down for decision, newcomers Kowloon Cricket Club, and Recreio "B" meeting at K.C.C.

Up to quite recently I failed to see how K.C.C. would be able to field a side in this division as Mrs. Kevan was the only lady with any experience of the game in their midst.

Watching them at serious practice the other night however, I could not but be struck by their potentialities. It is natural that their tennis players should be the ones to have made most progress but it was the extent of that progress that surprised me.

Miss Stokes, who only arrived here at the beginning of the tennis season, will be one of the players; the other is Miss Betty Harker, of Interport hockey and League tennis fame.

Whereas the former may have played the game occasionally in the United Kingdom, the latter is a complete beginner and about a month ago had absolutely no knowledge of court-craft or the rudimentary principles of the game.

IMPROVING RAPIDLY

Both are now more than useful and with the patient and intelligent coaching which they are receiving from A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth, it can be expected that it will not be long before K. C. C. are winning their League games.

Recreio "B" have no newcomers to their side with the exception of Miss Maggie Xavier, formerly of Kowloon Tong. Other ladies are Miss S. Remedios and Mrs. A. C. Carvalho, nee Remedios.

Individually Miss Xavier is probably the best of the three but unless she has improved her mixed game quite considerably since I last saw her play,

she is not likely to be as effective as Mrs. Carvalho and Miss Remedios, who have been well schooled at Recreio in this type of game.

EXPERIENCED MEN

The men need no introduction. Nick Beltrao is a natural-games player who took to badminton as adeptly as he took to hockey and cricket, while C. C. Pereira and H. S. Gonsalves are players with a wealth of experience.

Their most optimistic supporters cannot expect K. C. C. to win to-night against as formidable a side as Recreio but the match experience they will gain should prove invaluable to them in subsequent League games.

Teams:

K.C.C.—Mr. and Mrs. Kevan; A. L. Fisher and Miss Betty Harker; P. Wynter-Blyth and Miss M. Stokes.

RECREIO "B"—N. A. Beltrao and Miss S. Remedios; C. C. Pereira and Miss M. Xavier; H. S. Gonsalves and Mrs. A. C. Carvalho.

EXCITING FINISH

An interesting cricket match was witnessed at Sookunpoo yesterday, when Royal Air Force beat Royal Artillery, 30th Battery, by three runs.

R.A.F.	
P/O New, b Ward	18
P/O Nancarrow, b Ward	18
J. Waddington, lbw, b Dilnot	1
A. R. Palling, b Dilnot	0
C. M. King, b Ward	15
F. Harrison, b Hodgson	0
P. Gillespie, b Hodgson	13
T. Lillie, b Pidgeon	10
T. Hawkins, b Dilnot	2
W. Rix, c and b Dobbinson	8
T. Lewis, not out	4
Extras (B5, W1)	6
Total	95

Bowling Analysis	
	O. M. R. W.
Barsby	4 0 22 0
Ward	6 2 14 3
Dilnot	6 1 20 3
Hodgson	4 0 13 2
Pidgeon	3 0 14 1
Dobbinson	2 0 6 1

R.A.	
Lt. Ingram, b Gillespie	6
Q.M.S. Flint, b Gillespie	0
Sgt. Chaplin, b Waddington	14
Sgt. Dilnot, b New	17
Bdr. Downs, b New	3
Gnr. Barsby, c and b New	6
L/Bdr. Ward, b New	2
L/Bdr. Hodgson, b Waddington	4
Gnr. Jordan, c Harrison, b New	14
Bdr. Pidgeon, b Nancarrow	3
Gnr. Dobbinson, not out	12
Extras (B9, LB1, NB1)	11
Total	92

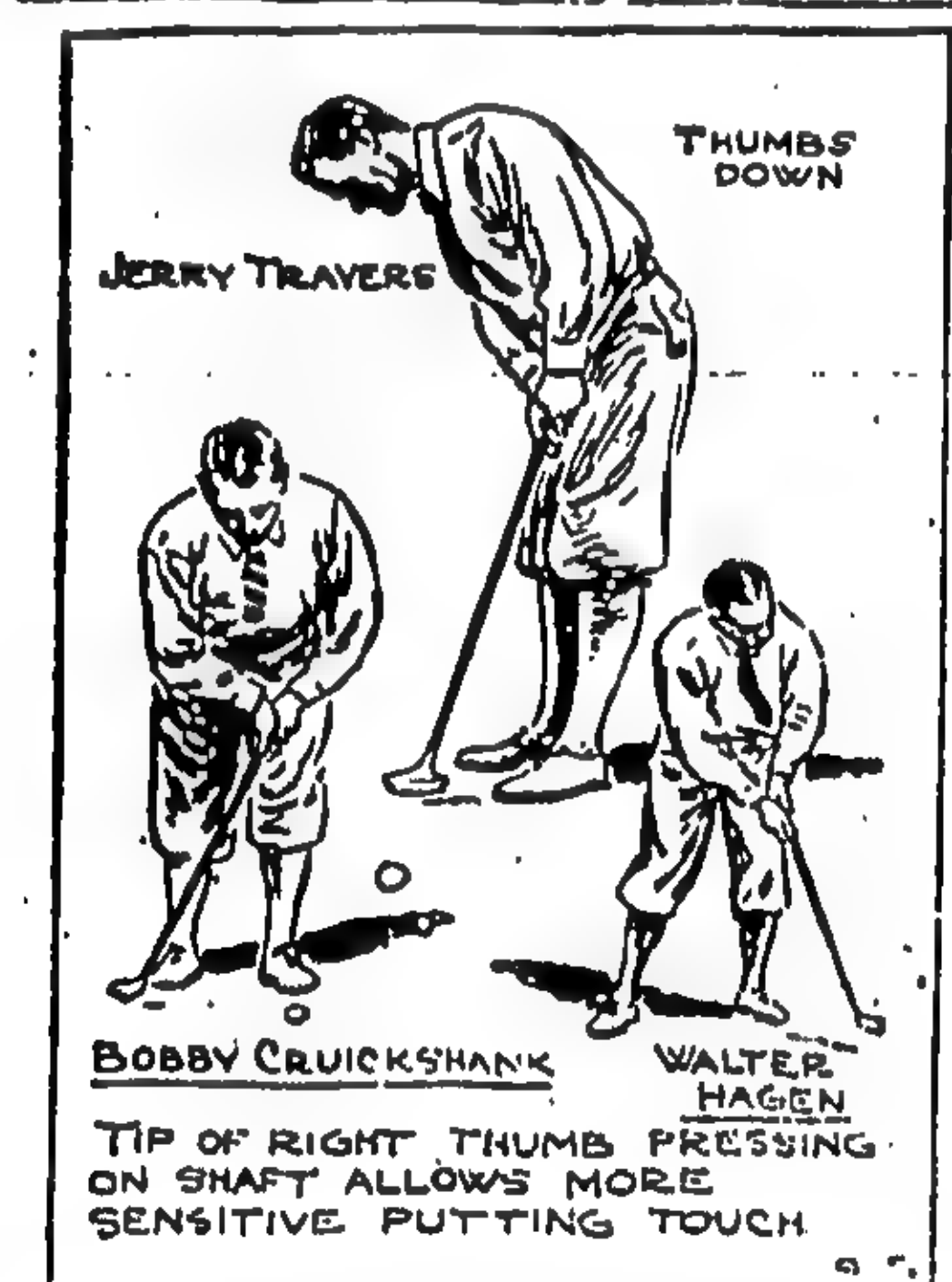
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THUMB PLACEMENT IN PUTTING

By BEST BALL

Starting with the power shots such as the drive, one hears no end of advice about the part the fingers should play in the grip. Even at this stage of the game,

GRAPHIC GOLF



the grasp should be essentially in the fingers instead of in the palms. As the player approaches the green, a larger premium is paid on control and the touch sensitivity of the fingers figures even more prominently. On the putting green, this factor is noticeable even to casual observer.

There are all kinds of putting stances and putting strokes but in the majority of instances, the skillful putter will have the tip of his right thumb pressed onto the leather and pointed straight down the shaft. Apparently this part of the thumb is the guardian of both length and direction. It aids in keeping the clubhead aligned at right angles to the ball and line of flight; keeps the clubhead travelling straight along the proper line and gauges the impact to the proper velocity. The three golfers illustrated above have used this system for years. If you still doubt the efficacy of the method just take a glance at their records. Such a popular method must be deserved.

Monday—Narrowing The Stance

SPORTS PARADE

GIVEN comparatively little publicity in the English press here, the Hong Kong Chinese Girls' basketball team is to be heartily congratulated on its successful showing in Manila. The team returned here on Tuesday.

The visit was the first of its kind to be undertaken by a local basketball organisation, although similar teams from Shanghai and other Chinese towns have previously paid frequent visits to the capital of the Philippines.

Hong Kong, unofficially, was fully represented by the team, members of which were selected from some of the strongest teams in the Colony; a stronger representative combination could hardly have been raised.

The sporting prestige of Hong Kong has been greatly enhanced by the five successive victories the girls scored over five of the best Filipino, Chinese, and Anglo-Chinese girls' teams in Manila. This brilliant feat will, undoubtedly, go down in the sporting history of Hong Kong.

The Manila sports reporters acclaimed the display of the Hong Kong team as the "best women's play seen here for many years."

PLAYING almost every alternate day

it was not surprising that the team suffered defeat in the latter part of the programme. Although exhausted they gallantly kept to schedule and did not omit a single match on the programme. Two of the three defeats suffered were by the narrowest of margins.

Mr. Aw Hoe, son of the well-known Singapore millionaire and philanthropist, is also to be congratulated for the fine manner in which he managed the team, while credit is also due to Coach Chung Chi-keung, who played a prominent part in the Hong Kong team's successes.

The players themselves maintained enthusiasm right through, and Miss Diana Chen and Miss Lau Sau-kwong, the two highest scorers of points, hopelessly outclassed Manila's best exponents.

The following were the results of matches played in Manila:

- Nov. 4—beat St. Stephen's Girls, 59 to 14;
- Nov. 7—beat Las Fieras, 25 to 17;
- Nov. 9—beat Central Chinese team, 23 to 14;
- Nov. 11—beat Manila Rangers, 25 to 16;
- Nov. 13—beat Chinese Y.W.C.A., 18 to 17;
- Nov. 16—lost to Anglo-Chinese, 27 to 29.
- Nov. 18—lost to All Chinese, 9 to 10; and
- Nov. 21—lost to Manila Representative Team, 19 to 24.

Hong Kong won by 5 matches to 3.

The players from Hong Kong were Miss Dina Chen, Miss Mo Tak-fong, Miss Lau Sau-kwong, Miss Lee Hen-yue, Miss Chan Chi-chun, Miss Ng Sui-sun, Mrs. Aw Hoe, Miss Ng Sui-sum, Miss Ngan Sau-yung, Miss Tang Hin-ho, Miss Chan Wai-hing, Miss Lam Sau-ping and Miss Suen Yuk-ming.

ARMY CRICKET XI

The following have been selected to represent Army against Hong Kong Cricket Club on the latter's ground on Saturday.

Capt. C. E. Godby (H.K.S.R.A.) (Captain), Major J. E. Swyer (R. A. M. C.) Capt. J. F. Lawrence (R. I. A. S. C.) Capt. D. C. E. Grose (R.E.), Capt. A. B. Whatman (R. Signals), Q.M.S. Patterson (R.A.M.C.), Sgt. Denyer (R. E.), Cpl. Webb (R.A.M.C.), Cpl. Murphy (R. Signals), Spr. Ratcliffe (R.E.) and Gnr. Barsby (5th A. A. Regt. R.A.).

Waddington bowled a no ball.	
Bowling Analysis	
	O. M. R. W.
Gillespie	5 1 11 3
Nancarrow	3 2 20 1
New	4 0 22 5
Waddington	2 0 14 0

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AN old practice seems to be cropping up again in local football. Several seasons ago it was evident that several teams in the Colony who were represented in more than one Division were reinforcing their junior sides as soon as the seniors had no chance in the League. This seems to be the case once more as many players who have been appearing in either First or Second Division are now turning out for Second or Third Division teams.

This practice, whilst it may be all for the good of "pot-gathering" clubs, is a serious matter for other less fortunate sides in the League who have fewer players to draw upon. Even the keenest player feels the futility of playing with such odds against a win.

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

(By "SQUADY")

The local Association has a rule which covers this practice; once a player has played more than a certain number of games in one Division, I think it is two games, he is no longer eligible to turn out for a junior side without the authority of the Association, to whom the club must apply for his reinstatement as a junior player.

Whether this was done in the cases noticed last week-end or not I am un-

aware, but it does seem that some sort of restriction should be placed on the number of players who are to be allowed reinstatement.

I am bringing this matter up as it affects Army sides very directly as they have always strictly adhered to rules of this kind and I cannot recollect one case of an ineligible player being played by an Army team of recent years, and it would cause a furore in local soccer circles if say Royal Scots or Middlesex decided that they had no chance in First Division and immediately turned round and asked for five or six of their first team to be reinstated as junior players so that they could turn out for the second or third elevens, whichever had the best chance of winning honours.

I think that last week was the first time that this practice became obvious during the season and it is to be hoped that something will be done about it before it becomes too great a menace.

ARMY have been going great guns on the cricket field and victories over the Volunteers and the Police have given them a good send-off.

Under the leadership of Captain Godby the first eleven is a very strongly-knit side and has undergone many changes since the beginning of the season, although this has been mainly due to the efforts of those in control to match their strength with that of the opposing side, and the strongest possible side has not therefore always been turned out.

As I predicted early in the season, Major Harvey of the Medicals has been seen quite often in the first eleven and has given some quite good performances.

Although I did not see the game the innings played by Bailey of Royal Engineers last week, when he compiled 115 at Sookunpoo, must have been a great affair. I do not think this score has been bettered at Sookunpoo for some time, and Bailey, who incidentally is a left hander, is to be congratulated on his feat. Usually quite a useful but not really brilliant bat he is an exceptionally difficult fellow to get out once he is set being possessed of a set of iron nerves and rarely hitting at a good ball.

Another player who has gone bang off into top form this year is Webb, another Medical. Although he played top class Army cricket in England and Egypt, Webb has rarely done himself justice here, and it is to be hoped that much of his hard hitting will be seen this year.

Speaking of Oriental diplomats, I'm reminded, en passant, of an episode in which Ambassador David Jayne Hill and the Chinese Minister to Berlin, a Mr. Li, were the principal figures. The American colony played baseball on the Fourth of July, for the benefit of one of our local charities and also to acquaint the German natives with our national game. Mr. Li having served at Washington, Dr. Hill thought it appropriate to invite him to sit in the Embassy box. While the teams were warming up, the Ambassador initiated Mr. Li into the mysteries of baseball. Then the American envoy, rather labouriously, as he himself told the story, explained to his Chinese

Excellency just what innings and three strikes and four balls meant, what a home run was, the umpire's duties, and all the rest of it. Mr. Li sat patiently through the discourse, nodding periodically to indicate that he was absorbing each word.

"Have you now told me everything I need to know?" the Chinese asked.

"Yes, Mr. Minister, I think the main points have been covered."

"Well, Mr. Ambassador," blandly observed Mr. Li, "I hope you won't mind, but you've hardly said one thing that's correct. You see, I pitched for two years at Amherst."—From "News Is Where You Find It," by Frederic William Willé. (Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill.)

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Can Red Feather Score Third Consecutive Victory?

Very Open Race Expected In St. Andrew's Stakes

Estover & Pumpernickel For The 'Daily Double'?

(By "RAPIER")

THE Twelfth Extra Race Meeting, to be held at the Valley to-morrow will mark the penultimate stage of racing under the auspices of Hong Kong Jockey Club for the year 1939.

In a varied programme of eight events great importance is attached to the St. Andrew's Stakes, and there should be keen competition for the coveted Cup presented by St. Andrew's Society.

RACE NO. 1—GLASGOW HANDICAP: SIX FURLONGS

The opening race is confined to China ponies, "E" Class, and subscription griffins of this Club of this season, winners of more than \$500 in stakes since January 1, 1939 barred.

Having been allotted highest handicap of 168 lbs., Diogenes (Mr. Ho Hong-ping), which will have the benefit of 5 lbs. allowance, can fairly safely be left out.

Smiling Time, which ran unplaced in the Norfolk Handicap (Second Section) at the 10th Extra Meeting, will again be Mr. Encarnacao's mount, and as it will be running against ponies other than in its own class, it should score its first win here. There is, however, Lucky Eleven (Mr. S. C. Liang), the winner of the Turi Handicap (First Section) at Macao last meeting and it should command support.

King's Parade (Mr. L. B. Chao) carried top-weight of 168 lbs. when it lost to Lucky Eleven by a length at Macao; its weight has been reduced by 10 lbs. and as the distance is only six furlongs to-morrow it should give the above-mentioned two ponies a good fight. Palmer (Mr. S. W. Tang) may find the distance a bit too long but Heddon (Mr. P. P. Botelho), which has been most disappointing since it started racing, might cause an upset.

RACE NO. 2—LANARK HANDICAP: ONE MILE

This event is confined to Australian Subscription ponies of any season that have not won two or more races since January 1, 1939.

After its brilliant performance in winning the Freemantle St. Leger, Baffin Bay will no doubt be made hot favourite and, although penalised 14 lbs., should win again.

It should receive serious opposition from Cocklerol (Mr. Needa), which has received an advantage of 15 lbs. since their last meeting, and as the distance suits this pony, it should, at least give Baffin Bay a great fight. Snowy River (Mr. Encarnacao) and Candlelight (Mr. Proulx) will probably contest third position.

RACE NO. 3—ST. ANDREW'S STAKES: 1½ MILES

This is the main attraction of the afternoon and is a handicap race for China ponies, winner of the St. George's Plate, 1939, and ponies classified "A" barred.

Red Feather has won this event for the last two years for Mrs. L. Dunbar, but to-morrow it will be racing under Miss Li Pochun's colours. It will be interesting to see if it can maintain its sequence of wins. With Mr. Needa in charge, it should at least give a good account of itself if not actually winning.

Mr. Encarnacao has the choice of either Blue Express or Rose Emily, but as the first named has been allotted top-weight of 168 lbs. I expect he will take out Rose Emily which, in view of its easy win in the Hong Kong Griffin's Cup, should put up a better show than Blue Express.

Lilliber (Mr. Sung), from the Marber stable, has been carefully trained for this distance, and, in view of its showing when it won the Sussex Handicap (First Section) at the 10th Extra Meeting, should do well. Avon (Mr. Black), which lost to Red Feather by a neck in the Kwangsi Handicap (First Section) from the two mile post, should also be in the picture in the final run home. This race should be very open.

RACE NO. 4—GORBALS HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION): SIX FURLONGS

This race is reserved for first section of "C" class ponies with Blue Diamond (Mr. L. B. Chao), winner of the Shum Chun Handicap (First Section) at the last meeting, together with Musketeer (Mr. Liang) and Finlathings (Mr. Churchill) each carrying 168 lbs. I very much doubt their ability to win at this weight and I would therefore suggest watching the ponies with much less weight to carry.

Rose-Queen (Mr. Poy) 152 lbs. and Boolat Bay (Mr. Needa) 151 lbs. were second and third respectively to Blue Diamond in the Shum Chun Handicap, and they certainly look tempting. Personally, I prefer Rose-Queen which is faster over sprint events, but Boolat Bay must not be ignored. Rose Fiana (Mr. Encarnacao), which was expected to do well at the previous meeting, may do better to-morrow over the shorter distance.

Taxing Master was just nosed out for third position by Boolat Bay and looks dangerous with only 149 lbs. to handle, and as it will be taken out by Mr. Black it should be worth backing each way.

My choice is Rose-Queen to win with Boolat Bay second and Taxing Master third.

RACE NO. 5—GALLOWGATE HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION): ABOUT HALF MILE 160 YARDS

This is a sprint event and also the first leg of the "Daily Double", and features "D" class China ponies of the first section with novice jockeys in control.

Both Estover and The Leopard won the Norfolk Handicap in their respective sections at the 10th Extra Meeting over six furlongs. Mr. Trevorton will be on Estover to-morrow and Mr. S. W. Lee on The Leopard. I think Estover's chance of winning is very bright as the pony is a free mover, but its biggest challenge will probably come from Kut Cheung, as, although the latter pony will carry 165 lbs., it will be ridden by a most improved jockey, Mr. H. M. Botelho. Gold Coin (Mr. C. F. Chiu) is not a bad selection for a place bet, and as an outsider I recommend Zero (Mr. Haymes).

I expect Estover to take first place with Kut Cheung second and Gold Coin third.

RACE NO. 6—GORBALS HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): SIX FURLONGS

Second Section "C" class China ponies will figure in this event, and, judging from the last meeting's result, when Laughing Girl (Mr. Liang), Salvage Master (Mr. Black), and Scenic View (Mr. P. P. Botelho) dead-heated for second position in the Shum Chun Handicap (Second Section) over the mile, I anticipate another keen struggle between these ponies.

Advancing Time (Mr. Ho Hong-ping) ran in the first section at the last meeting and it has been given top-weight of 168 lbs., but with 5 lbs. allowance it is capable of causing an upset here if it starts well.

There is also Sunlight View (Mr. Pih) to be watched as its weight has come down by 7 lbs. and the shorter distance is more to its liking.

My selections are Salvage Master to win, with Laughing Girl second and Scenic View third.

RACE NO. 7—AULD REEKIE HANDICAP: ONE MILE

This is the second leg of the "Daily Double" in which "C" class, Australian Subscription ponies will participate. Having come in second to A Roaring Time in the Ballarat Handicap over the mile at the 9th Extra Meeting, Pumpernickel (Mr. Proulx) has been penalised 5 lbs., i.e. it will carry 160 lbs. As it is running against practically the same field it is just possible that it will secure its first win.

Rootify (Mr. Davis) was second in the Newcastle Handicap at the last meeting, but I am afraid that the distance may be just a bit too long. There is also Strathcarriel (Mr. Pih) to be taken into consideration as it ran very well indeed to win the Gosford Handicap over a mile, although it was then carrying only 142 lbs. against 155 lbs. to-morrow.

Discovery Bay (Mr. Needa) has not as yet done anything of note, but should it strike some of its old form it is capable of creating an upset, while Violet Queen, if it starts, should not be ignored.

I still maintain, however, that Pumpernickel is good enough to win.

RACE NO. 8—GALLOWGATE HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): ABOUT HALF MILE 160 YARDS

This is another sprint event and will wind up the day's racing. It is confined to novice jockeys, who will be given mounts on second section "D" class, China ponies.

I expect the winner to come from one of the following three:—Bressay (Mr. Chattey), Tiny Tim (Mr. Young Wing Kwai) and Jack O'Lantern (Mr. Trevorton).

Bressay ran third to The Leopard in the Norfolk Handicap (Second Section) at the 10th Extra Meeting over six furlongs after being left at the start, and if Mr. Chattey can get a good start he should just about do it—this pony is fast over sprint distance.

Tiny Tim won the Bonham Handicap under Mr. H. M. Botelho at the 9th Extra Meeting over six furlongs and, judging from that performance, I think it might give Mr.

NEWS OF THE JOCKEYS

Mr. R. B. Moller, who came to Hong Kong specially to ride in the local St. Leger, has returned to Shanghai but is expected back in time for the Annual Race Meeting.

A promising novice jockey, Mr. G. R. Cheape, who is in the Colony at the moment, is expected to ride to-morrow.

Mr. H. J. A. Hearne, who was booked to ride Baffin Bay and Galveston Bay at to-morrow's meeting, will not be seen in action owing to his crushed foot again giving trouble. His mount Baffin Bay will be taken care of by Mr. P. P. Botelho and Galveston Bay will again be Mr. Black's mount. Taxing Master, originally intended for Mr. Black, will now be ridden by Mr. L. B. Chao.

BOWLING ALLIES

J. T. SHEEHAN SMASHES ALL RECORDS

(By "STRIKE")

Well, Doc Molthen's 238 for tenpins has been beaten, and, as I forecasted in a previous article, it was beaten by J. T. Sheehan of the U. S. S. Minidanno, and in no unmistakable manner.

On Sunday he made 269, made up with 8 strikes in a row, a spare, strikes, spare, getting 9 pins down on his ninth frame.

It was truly a remarkable effort, and just better than his best effort of last month (October) when he made the highest score for the month with 257.

All bowling enthusiast well agree with me that to make a score like Sheehan's needs an immense amount of concentration, clarity of sight and judgement, to say nothing of finger and foot control.

This score of Sheehan's (269) is the highest ever recorded in the alleys, being better than Sapper Bell's 266 and Sapper Fawcett's 264 made towards the end of last year.

It is all the more remarkable, when it is considered that Sheehan only learned to play the game in these Alleys, about three months ago.

In passing I would like to mention that one of the most stylish and accomplished bowlers who have ever bowled in these Alleys is Ernie Hearther, now enjoying a vacation at home in the States. Early opportunity will be taken to advise him of Sheehan's success.

HEARTHER RETURNING SOON
Hearther is due back in mid-January, and as Indoor Bowling is his favourite form of sport or exercise, he is certain to get into harness rapidly and go after Sheehan's score! Hearther's best efforts in these Alleys are as follows:—July 1938—244; January 1939—234; and July 1939—230.

On Monday, the first match of the Singles Handicap Competition was played off, the opponents being G. North, and Gene Faggiano. It was a three-game match and Faggiano conceded North 14 points per game as handicap. The match resulted in a win for North by the narrow margin of 13 points, which demonstrates the accurate handicapping.

It seemed to me that Faggiano, a tried and experienced player, did not play as well as he is capable. His best effort was 176 in the first game but his average for the three games was only 150.

There was another match played in this Competition on Tuesday between J. H. Watts of the Signals and G. Hanley of the Gunners. This resulted in a decided win for Watts by 81 pins. Both players started off level, so that as it was a three game match, Watts actually averaged a 21 pin win per game.

Result of the match was as follows:—

	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
J. H. Watts	181	196	132	479
G. Hanley	116	137	145	398

SURPRISING WIN

An interesting match was played on Wednesday in the first round between T. W. Wright of the Signals and J. H. Odell, which resulted in a surprising win for Wright by 79 pins, including his handicap.

Wright's handicap was plus 28 and Odell's plus 15 which meant that Wright was re-

ceiving from Odell 10 pins per game. As the following result shows Wright actually won by 49 pins without his handicap.

Individual scores were as follows:—

	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
T. W. Wright	159	137	125	421
J. H. Odell	134	120	118	372

That fine old bowling ship, U.S.S. Tulsa, has arrived in port, and occasion will be taken to arrange a tenpin match or two against local talent. I foresee some good bowling by friends Michal, Schreier, Peterson, Spenka, Jalenko, Nasko, to say nothing of others.

Tulsa has also a very good duckpin team, and it is likely that efforts will be made to match them against a representative team from the Alleys.

Owing to the fact that the ship's company have decided to have some divisional matches, games against civilian teams will, perforce, be played in the evenings.

An Ewo League match was played on Wednesday between our old friends the Champs and the latest entrants, the B.A.T. The match was a three-game one, being in the second round of the Fourth Tourney of the League.

Champs won by 243 pins the score being:—

	1939	B.A.T.	1938
The Champs	1599	1656	

ceiving from Odell 10 pins per game. As the following result shows Wright actually won by 49 pins without his handicap.

Individual scores were as follows:—

	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
T. W. Wright	159	137	125	421
J. H. Odell	134	120	118	372

That fine old bowling ship, U.S.S. Tulsa, has arrived in port, and occasion will be taken to arrange a tenpin match or two against local talent. I foresee some good bowling by friends Michal, Schreier, Peterson, Spenka, Jalenko, Nasko, to say nothing of others.

Tulsa has also a very good duckpin team, and it is likely that efforts will be made to match them against a representative team from the Alleys.

Owing to the fact that the ship's company have decided to have some divisional matches, games against civilian teams will, perforce, be played in the evenings.

An Ewo League match was played on Wednesday between our old friends the Champs and the latest entrants, the B.A.T. The match was a three-game one, being in the second round of the Fourth Tourney of the League.

Champs won by 243 pins the score being:—

	1939	B.A.T.	1938
The Champs	1599	1656	

With regard to newcomers B.A.T., I was greatly impressed with their endeavour; they really got down to it, and did some good bowling. They did not at any time seem to have stage fright, or be visibly affected by their more experienced opponents.

I foresee this team making a name for itself in these Alleys.

Immediately after the "Ewo" League match, a friendly game with mixed teams was played; two Champs and two B.A.T. players on each side. Judging by the uproar from players and spectators alike all must have thoroughly enjoyed themselves; I heard many terms used in this game not usual to Bowling Alley teams! W. F. Barnes, Gene Faggiano, Chas. Miller, and A.G.C. Butterfield just managed to beat Doc Molthen, Dick Venezia, E. F. Carthrew and Y. L. Lum, by the very narrow margin of 23 pins.



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Dreaming A Dream (from 'Yes, Madam')
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12.40 p.m.—CINEMA Organ Selections.
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Lily Of Laguna (Leslie Stuart); Little
Dolly Daydream (Leslie Stuart)....Quen-
tin M. Maclean at the Christie Unit Or-
gan in The Regal Cinema, London.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and
Weather Report.

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Chopin Concerto
No. 2
In F Minor

1.03 p.m.—EXCERPTS from Gilbert
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Young Man, Despair....L. Sheffield, D.
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And Have I Journey'd....D. Oldham &
L. Sheffield.
Behold The Lord High Executioner; As
Some Day It May Happen....Henry A.
Lytton (Baritone) & Chorus of Men.
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of Girls.
Three Little Maids....E. Griffin, D. Hum-
ingway, B. Elburn & Chorus of Girls.
So Please You, Sir....E. Griffin, A. Davies,
B. Elburn, L. Sheffield & Chorus of Girls.
Were You Not To Go-Ko Plighted....E.
Griffin & D. Oldham.
I Am So Proud....George Baker, Leo
Sheffield & Henry A. Lytton.

With Aspect Stern....Leo Sheffield, Henry
Lytton, Derek Oldham, Elsie Griffin, A.
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Chorus.
Your Revels Cease....B. Lewis, D. Old-
ham, A. Davies, B. Elburn & Chorus.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press,
Weather Forecast and Announce-
ments.
1.45 p.m.—VARIETY with Kitty Mas-
ters, Frank Crumit, and Others.
Vocal—Many Happy Returns of the Day
(film 'Music Hath Charms'); Love Is
Like A Cigarette (Kent & Jerome)....
Kitty Masters with Orchestra.
Two Planos—Tin Pan Alley Medley.
Intro: And the angels sing; What goes
up must come down; What shall I
say?; Don't worry about me; Our
love; You grow sweeter as the years
go by....Ivor Moreton and Dave Maye
with string bass and drums.
Accordeon Band—The Charlaties Ball
(O'Donovan-Brennan); A Cowboy's Wed-
ding Day (Noel-Pelosi)....Primo Scala's
Accordeon Band with Vocal Refrain.

Banjo—A Musical Journey From New
York To California; The World Is Wa-
ving For The Sunrise (Seltz)....Ken H.
vey with Instr. Quartet.
Piano—Kunz Revivals No. 3.
Intro: Poor Butterfly; After you've got
Whispering; Alice Blue Gown; Just
little love a little kiss; The Chocol-
Soldier Waltz....Charlie Kunz.
7.30 p.m.—LONDON RELAY — T
News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weath-
Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Next week's programme
8.06 p.m.—DANCE MUSIC.
Fox-Trots—Three Little Words; Blues
Isaac....Gene Krupa & His Chicago
Fox-Trot—The Tea Dots' Parade....B
your Dance Orchestra.
8.15 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—"A.R
in Burlington" by Mr. Gillie Potte
8.45 p.m.—DANCE MUSIC.
Tangos—Golden Stars; Eternal Sun
Helz Huppertz & His Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—Chicken Reel; Phil The F
er's Ball....Ronnie Munro & His Or
Waltz—What A Night; Quickstep—We
Friends Again....Victor Silvester &
Ballroom Orchestra.
9.05 p.m.—STUDIO — Comments
Recent Events.
9.05 p.m.—LONDON RELAY — Ne
Summary.
9.30 p.m.—A Programme of Engl
Music.
Chaconne (Purcell)....Society of And
Instruments.
Nymphs and Shepherds (Purcell)....E
Suddaby (Soprano) with Piano.
Pomp and Circumstances March No. 4
G (Elgar)....The B.B.C. Symphony
chestra cond. by Sir Edward Elgar.
The Faery Queen—Three Dances (P
cell)....The Jacques String Orchest
La Capricieuse (Elgar, Op. 17)....Brown
law Huberman (Violin) with Siegr
Schulze at the Piano.
Speak Music! (Elgar)....Peter Daw
(Bass-Baritone) with Piano accomp.
Gerald Moore.
Queen Mary's Song (Elgar, arr. Hay
Wood); Like To The Damask Rose (g
arr. Haydn Wood)....Light Sy
phony Orchestra cond. by Haydn Wo
10.00 p.m.—STUDIO—"The Beauty
England"—1. The first of a series
talks by the Very Rev. The Dean
Hong Kong.
10.25 p.m.—SONGS by Dennis No
(Baritone).
Passing By (Purcell).
The Gentle Maiden (arr. Somervell).
Just Me An' Mary (Parr-Murray).
10.35 p.m.—CHOPIN—Concerto No
In F Minor, Op. 21. Alfred Cor
(Piano) with Orchestra conducted
John Barbirolli.
11.00 p.m.—LONDON RELAY —
England Now".
11.15 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—"Mu
Hall". A Variety Show with Geo
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Others.
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"Last week the most unusual hand I have ever seen was dealt during a Bridge game at our house," writes Bob Levings of Winnetka, Ill. "I would very much appreciate it if you would tell me the correct bids to be made by each of the players. The way the hand plays, North and South have a Grand Slam in either spades or clubs, and East and West can make a Small Slam in either hearts or diamonds. How should the bidding go?"

South, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

♠ A 7 4
♥ 9 8 3 2
♦ 6 5
♣ J 9 8 6

♠ 9 8 6 3
♥ A K J 7
♦ 5 4
♣ K Q 2

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♠ K Q J 10 2
♥ —
♦ A Q 10 7 5 4 3 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	1♥	2♣	3♦
3♠	5♦	Pass	Pass
6♠	6♦	6♣	7♦
7♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

The above bidding is quite logical, and might well take place. If we were the North and South players, however, if this distribution were thrown into a large expert Duplicate game, we would not be at all surprised to see a different final contract at practically every table.

We wonder what our readers would do with it.

Yesterday, with both sides vulner-
able, you were Merwin Maier's
partner and held:

♠ K 10 x x
♥ A x
♦ Q x x
♣ 9 x x

The bidding:
Maier Burnstone You Schenken
1♠ 1♠ (7)

ANSWER: Your correct bid is one notrump. In order to double at the one level your trump holding should be better. Of course you intend to make a further bid with this hand if your partner shows any additional values.

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QUESTION NO. 272

You are Howard Schenken's partner. Both sides are vulnerable and both have 40 on score. You hold:

♠ K 10
♥ A x x
♦ K J 10 x
♣ Q J x x

The bidding:
Jacoby Schenken Burnstone You
Pass Pass INT Dbl
2♥ 1♠ 3♥ (4)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)
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PIRACY ON B. AND S. STEAMER

Shanghai, To-day.

Several Russian guards are reported to have been wounded in a piracy aboard a British steamer, believed to be a Butterfield and Swire ship, in the Yangtse.

Only the briefest details have leaked out here, but it is suggested that a pistol battle occurred on board and that several pirates have been captured.

The British naval authorities, who are reticent, admit that a warship has been sent to the steamer's assistance.—Our Own Correspondent.

SHIP UNDER FIRE FOR TWO HOURS

London, To-day.

Survivors of the 2,500-ton Usk Line freighter, which was sunk by a German submarine on Tuesday, were landed in an English port yesterday from a French destroyer.

The master of the steamer stated that when the submarine failed in an attempt to torpedo the ship, the U-boat commander brought her to the surface and shelled her for over 2 hours, not desisting even while the crew were taking to the boats.

She finally sank after she had been set on fire from end to end.—Reuter.

ARMISTICE BID RUMOURS

(Continued from Page 1)

LEGATION STATEMENT

A Reuter message which says that an unconfirmed report has reached London declaring that the Finnish Government has resigned, that the Socialist Finance Minister, Dr. Tanner, is forming a new government and that armistice negotiations have begun, adds that the Finnish Legation in London stated at 2 a.m. G.M.T. to-day, that is, an hour after the expiry of the alleged ultimatum, that the Legation had no knowledge of such a development.

Reuter's Helsinki correspondent who cabled, as unconfirmed, the report of the U.S.S.R. ultimatum threatening to devastate the country until she acceded to all demands by 3 a.m. Helsinki time, added that Parliament, which was called by the Cajander Government at 8 p.m. last night, was still sitting at 2 a.m.

Suggestion is that reports of capitulation are possibly premature.

A Copenhagen report that the Finnish Cabinet has resigned is accompanied by the observation that this cannot be confirmed in authoritative quarters.

FIRST FINNISH WAR COMMUNIQUE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Helsinki, To-day.

The first Finnish War Communique declares that the Red Army entered Finland in the morning without a declaration of war.

They advanced in several regions, but in most places met with stout (Continued at foot of Next Column)

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An official announcement is reported to have been made in Helsinki to the effect that it has been decided to reconstruct the Cabinet to enable parties hitherto unrepresented to be represented.

The rumour that Dr. Tanner will become Prime Minister is still unconfirmed.

It is understood that it is intended to form a coalition government with a view to avoiding the destruction of Helsinki and to open negotiations with Moscow.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

In spite of the capitulation rumours, the Finnish Radio announces that the Finnish forces have repelled the invaders at most points.

Where the Russians succeeded in gaining a foothold further advance has been prevented.—Reuter.

Kwong Chow Wan, To-day.

Sharp skirmishes occurred north and north-east of Nanning this morning when the Japanese, supported by aircraft, renewed attacks on the Chinese positions.

Chinese reports state that the Japanese suffered heavy casualties.

The Japanese are conscripting Chinese labour to repair the roads between the coast and Nanning.—Our Own Correspondent.

Stavanger, To-day.

The two British destroyers which arrived in the Mastra Fjorden with a damaged submarine have left Norwegian waters and the submarine has been taken into a shipyard here for repair.—Reuter.

resistance and were compelled to fall back. No Finnish soldier, however, took advantage of the Finnish successes to cross the Soviet frontier.

North of Lake Ladoga, two Soviet tanks were destroyed.

The Red Fleet bombarded several Finnish harbours.

Helsinki was repeatedly bombed from the air, causing civilian casualties, many of whom were women and children.

Viborg, Hangoe and Lathi were also bombed from the air, causing casualties, the communique concludes.—Havas.

BRAVE RESISTANCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Helsinki, To-day.

The Finns are bravely resisting on the Karelian Isthmus.

The important harbour of Turku bombed from the air and the hospital was set afire.—Havas.

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